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SECTION ONE OF TWO.

I. POLITICAL

A. EXTERNAL

1. IRAN-AFGHANISTAN TRANSIT AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS: TALKS WHICH BEGAN TEHRAN DEC. 21 EXPECTED WIND UP NEXT FEW DAYS. WITH INITIALING OF AGREEMENT IN PREPARATION LATER FORMAL SIGNING. MAIN ISSUES STILL UNSETTLED ARE: (1) QUESTION IRANIAN RAIL RATES KHOGRAMSHAHR-MESSED, WHICH AFGHANS INSIST BE COMPETITIVE SOVIET TRANSIT ROUTE; AND (2) AFGHAN INSISTENCE INCLUSION, AT LEAST IN PRINCIPLE, AGREEMENT EVENTUAL DEVELOPMENT FREE PORT CHAHBAHAR NEAR PAKISTAN BORDER. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: GOI INFORMS EMBASSY RATES WILL BE ADJUSTED TO MAKE THEM COMPETITIVE. ALTHOUGH OBJECTING TO CHAHBAHAR CONCESSION ON BOTH POLITICAL AND COST GROUNDS, GOI BELIEVES MATTER CAN BE PROLONGED THROUGH EXCHANGE LETTERS CALLING FOR EVENTUAL FUTURE DISCUSSION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. INTERNAL

1. THIRD PLAN PREPARATIONS: TWO-WEEK EXAMINATION THIRD PLAN WITH INDIVIDUAL ECONOMIC MINISTERS CLIMAXED BY VISIT SHAH TO PLAN ORG JAN. 3. SHAH REPORTEDLY VERY COMPLIMENTARY PLAN ORG

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WORK TO DATE, STRESSED NEED FOR REMOVAL OBSTACLES CAUSED BY PAST LOOSE COOPERATION MINISTRIES AND PLAN ORG, ALSO STRESSED PRIORITY NEED FOR TAX REFORM EFFORTS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY).

COMMENT: DELICATE TASK INTRODUCING THIRD PLAN WITHIN GOVT AND INSURING HIGH-LEVEL SUPPORT BEING HANDLED VERY SKILLFULLY BY PRIMIN. PLAN, WITH CHANGES PROPOSED BY MINISTERS IN RECENT REVIEW, NOW BEING PREPARED FOR FORMAL CABINET APPROVAL. (OFLUSE).

2. PRIMIN'S POSITION: IN TALK WITH CHARGE DEC. 27, PRIMIN AMINI SAID GOVT WAS MAKING SLOW BUT STEADY PROGRESS IN EFFORT GAIN PUBLIC CONFIDENCE; THAT THIS WAS LONG AND DIFFICULT TASK HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF EXTREME PESSIMISM AND CYNICISM INSTILLED BY GOVT MISBEHAVIOR AND CORRUPTION OF PAST TWENTY YEARS. ALSO SAID HE WAS CONTINUING ATTEMPT CONVINCE SHAH THAT LATTER SHOULD ONLY ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENTS AND LEAVE TO GOVT RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNPLEASANT MATTERS AND THOSE AFFAIRS NOT LIKELY TURN OUT WELL. AMINI CLAIMED PARTIAL SUCCESS IN THIS REGARD. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. BAQAI ACQUITTED: DR. MOZAFER BAQAI, LEADER OF GUARDIANS OF FREEDOM AND ONETIME NATIONAL FRONT FIGURE, WAS ACQUITTED BY ARMY COURT OF APPEALS DEC. 28 IN REVERSAL JUNE 1961 CONVICTION ON CHARGE OF INCITING POLICE TO DISOBEDIENCE IN CONNECTION WITH ANTI-GOVT ACTIVITIES DURING 1960 ELECTION PERIOD. IN APPEAL BAQAI REVIEWED HISTORY HIS RELATIONS WITH NF AND LATER BREAK WITH MOSADEQ. DEFENSE OF OWN ACTIVITIES CONSTITUTED STRONG ATTACK ON NF.

BAQAI'S APPEAL AND RELEASE PROMPTED SOME SPECULATION HE WILL SOMEHOW OR OTHER BE USED BY GOVT TO OFFSET OPPOSITION, AND NF IN PARTICULAR, THOUGH BAQAI HIMSELF HAS DENIED THIS TO PRESS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: BAQAI IS ASTUTE DEMAGOGUE AND HITHERTO PERENNIAL OPPOSITIONIST. HIS RETURN TO POLITICAL SCENE WILL BE WATCHED WITH INTEREST. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. BAKHTIAR MESSAGE ON GOA: TELEGRAM FROM GEN. BAKHTIAR TO INDIAN AMB CONGRATULATING INDIAN GOVT. ON SUCCESSFUL EXPULSION "PORTUGUESE COLONIALISTS AND EXPLOITERS FROM INDIAN SOIL" PUBLISHED DEC. 26. PRIMIN TOLD CHARGE MESSAGE WAS SENT WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE AND PERMISSION OF EITHER HIMSELF OR SHAH. DECLARED THIS TYPICAL BAKHTIAR MANEUVER

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OBTAI FAVOR FOR HIS CANDIDACY BECOME PRIMIN.

EMB SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED SHAH ADMONISHED BAKHTIAR FOR UNAUTHORIZED STATEMENT. IN LETTER PUBLISHED DEC. 30 BAKHTIAR DECLARED THAT IN VIEW OF ARMY REGULATIONS PROHIBITING MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES FROM INTERFERING IN POLITICAL MATTERS, HE WISHED STATE THAT CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO INDIAN AMB WAS EXPRESSION OF PERSONAL OPINION AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS RANK OR POSITION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: SHAH'S ADMONITION APPEARED RESULT FROM AMINI PROTEST. BAKHTIAR SEEMED MOTIVATED CURRY POPULAR FAVOR AND STIMULATE PARTICULAR SUPPORT AMONG NATIONALIST AND OTHER ELEMENT NOT IN SYMPATHY WITH GOVT. LETTER OF EXPLANATION INFERS ADMISSION OF IMPROPRIETY, IMPLIES NO RETRACTION OF APPROVAL FOR INDIAN GOVT'S ACTION. (CONFIDENTIAL) (SEE ALSO PSYCHOLOGICAL - II-A-7)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. IRAQ-KUWAIT: THIS A TOP STORY, BUT COMMENT SCANTY, HALF DOZEN SMALL PAPERS SAYING TUT-TUT TO KASSEM, TWO NOTING KUWAIT NOT AT ALL THE SAME AS GOA, WHICH WAS NOT INDEPENDENT COUNTRY BUT COLONY; RECOMMENDED *** THEIR PROBLEM FOR PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. GOA: STILL SOME INTEREST SMALL PAPERS, MOST WELCOMING TAKEOVER, SOME STILL DEMANDING IRAN TAKE OVER BAHREIN, THOUGH MEHR IRAN REALISTICALLY NOTED SITUATION NOT AT AIRRDIF SAME AND ATTEMPT WOULD SURELY FAIL. FARMAN REJOICE * * * COLONIES NOW FREE, BUT SAID PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER, AS INDIA ANBISREGARD OF UN HAS SERIOUSLY WEAKENED IT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. UN: MAJOR DAILY ETELAAT SAID UN HAS BECOME INSTRUMENT FOR MAINTAINING STATUS QUO, INCAPABLE ADAPTING SELF TO CHANGING CONDITIONS; NOTED INDIAN TAKEOVER GOA IN ACCORD ALL INTERNATIONAL

END OF SECTION ONE.

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PRINCIPLES EXCEPT UN CHARTER. OPINED, HOWEVER, PREDICTIONS
IMMINENT COLLAPSE UN OVER XXX AS ALL BLOCS, INCLUDING AFRO-
ASIAN, HAVE VESTED INTEREST IN PRESERVING UN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. USSR: ETELAAT DEVOTED TWO MORE EDITS THIS WEEK
TO SPLIT COMMUNIST CAMP, COMPARING XXX REACTION TO CHALLENGE
ITS LEADERSHIP WITH THAT OF US, WHICH ACCEPTED CHALLENGE BY
SHARING WITH ALLIES; US THUS COULD LOOK FORWARD WITH OPTIMISM,
WHILE USSR LOOKED TO FUTURE OF CHINA WITH SUSPICION AND FEAR.

IN TRACING STALINIST ORIGINS OF QUARREL, NOTED IN PASSING
THAT STALIN HAD "TURNED BACKWARD RUSSIA INTO LAND OF
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL WONDERS," AND THAT KHRUSHCHEV HAD
HAD SEVERAL REMARKABLE SUCCESSES DESPITE STALINIST OPPOSITION,
INCLUDING "STOPPING MASS ARRESTS AND EXECUTIONS, BRIDGING GAP
BETWEEN RULED AND RULERS, AND DEMOCRATIZING MANY ASPECTS OF
SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LIFE." (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: DOUBTFUL INTENTION WAS TO THROW BOUQUETS DIRECTION
USSR. THIS ARTICLE MERELY SAMPLE WELL-DOCUMENTED CRITICAL
COMMENTARY RECENTLY CHARACTERISTIC ETELAAT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. IRAN-USSR: AGREEMENT: LONE COMMENT FROM ANTI-AMERICAN
DONYAYE JADID, WHICH DEPLORED FACT AGREEMENT INTENDED EXTEND
DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY ENTIRE AMERICAN COMMUNITY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. AMINI: EXCEPTING TWO-THREE PAPERS, PRESS CRITICISM

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CONTINUES RESTRAINED. PM'S STATEMENT MAJORITY PEOPLE DO NOT WANT ELECTIONS EVOVED CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION, PAPERS POINTING OUT PEOPLE DO WANT RIG KIND OF ELECTIONS AND GOVT SHOULD BE ABOUT IT. KAYHAN, ADMITTING PEOPLE DID NOT WANT "THAT KIND" OF ELECTIONS, ASKED WHY THEN AMINI COULD NOT HOLD "THIS KIND." MELLIYUN, NOTING GOVT POSITION "RIGHT CONDITIONS" MUST BE CREATED FOR ELECTIONS, SAID THEY NOW EXIST IF EVER, AND GOVT SHOULD QUIT DELIBERATE DELAYS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

7. GEN. BAKHTIAR: ON GOA, ONLY JEHAN COMMENTED, LAUDING BAKHTIAR AS SOLDIER PATRIOT WHOSE WORDS ARE WEIGHTY. RE ALLEGED STATEMENT THAT IF HE CAME TO POWER, FIRST STEP WOULD BE WITHDRAWAL FROM CENTO, PRO-GOVT NUR O ZOLMAT NOTED THAT THE GENERAL MERELY DENIED MAKING STATEMENT; NOTED HE HAD NO HESITATION SPEAKING OUT ON GOA, AND THAT NOTHING PREVENTED SOLDIER FROM SPEAKING IN FAVOR CENTO, SAID LACK COMMENT BEING INTERPRETED WIDELY AS PROOF GENERAL IN FACT OPPOSED CENTO. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

1. RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN/PEKING: RM CONTINUED RECENTLY-BEGUN VIGNETTES FROM IRANIAN "LIFE" WITH SCENE OF DISTRIBUTION FREE CARE FOOD PACKAGES AT UNNAMED PORT. DESCRIBED STRUGGLING YOUNG MOTHER "FATEMA" AND OTHERS IN CROWD OF "NOBLE LABORERS" AS REFUSING THESE "US ALMS", AFTER SEVERAL WORKERS TOLD CROWD AMERICANS GIVING THEM HANDOUTS AS IF TO BEGGARS IN ORDER OBLIGATE THEM TO CANCEL PLANNED STRIKE PROTESTING "ILLEGAL" DISMISSAL OF FELLOW WORKERS. REPEATED CALL FOR FRIENDLY IRANO-SOVIET RELATIONS, CITING AFGHANISTAN AS "GLITTERING EXAMPLE" OF SINCERE COOPERATION POSSIBLE BETWEEN USSR AND NEUTRALIST MONARCHY. RECALLED "EVIDENCE" OF SOVIET GOOD INTENTIONS RECENT YEARS, E.G., 1957 SETTLEMENT BORDER DIFFERENCES ON BASIS RUSSIAN CONCESSIONS TO IRAN, TRANSIT AGREEMENT ENABLING IRANIAN GOODS CROSS USSR AT REDUCED COST, SOVIET "NO-STRINGS" AID OFFERS FOR IRANIAN DEVELOPMENT, AGREEMENT CONCLUDED FOR DAM CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF ARAS, ATRAK AND HARIRUD RIVERS; SAID OTHER SOVIET PROPOSALS IN 1959 SO ADVANTAGEOUS TO IRAN THAT EVEN SHAH SAID SO IN INTERVIEW WITH FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT. HOWEVER, SAID IRAN INSTEAD CHOSE CENTO AND BILATERAL MILITARY AGREEMENT WITH US, WHICH AIMED AGAINST USSR, AND BY WHICH SHAH AND AMINI WILL BRING PEOPLE ONLY BANKRUPTCY, POVERTY, AND ATTACHMENT IRAN'S ECONOMY AND POLICY TO AGGRESSIVE PURPOSES US. SAID TEHRAN PRESS REPORTS US

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WILL PLACE "NEWEST WEAPON" IN IRAN; ASKED WHETHER THIS MEANS ATOMIC WEAPONS.

PEYK-E IRAN BLASTED "COUP REGIME" STRENGTHENING OF IMPERIALIST ALLIANCES WHILE OTHER NEWLY-INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES JOIN NEUTRALISTS. SAID PEOPLE OPPOSE THIS POLICY, BUT SHAH AND AMINI WEAKNESS CAUSES THEM SEEK FOREIGN PROTECTION; HOWEVER, SAID SHAH'S CALCULATIONS WRONG, LIKE THOSE OF NURI-SAID AND MENDERES, FOR, AS WALTER LIPPmann SAID, CENTO IS ONLY "AN AGREEMENT ON PAPER." OBJECTED TO PLANS FOR CELEBRATION 2500TH ANNIVERSARY MONARCHY, SAYING "TRAITOR" SHAH HAS NO RIGHT TO USE GLORIOUS IRANIAN PAST TO COVER UP OWN UGLY FACE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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as follows:

Principles except UN charter. Opined, however, predictions
imminent collapse UN over-gloomy, as all Blocs, including
Afro-Asian, have vested interest in preserving UN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. USSR: Etelaat devoted two more edits this week
to split Communist camp, comparing Soviet reaction to challenge
its leadership with that of US, which accepted challenge by
sharing with allies; US thus could look forward with optimism,
while USSR looked to future of China with suspicion and fear.

Correct page 1, lines 19-21 of section II to read
as follows:

5. Iran-US aid agreement: Lone comment from
anti-American Donyaye Jadid, which deplored fact agreement
intended extend diplomatic immunity entire American com-
munity. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Correct page 3, lines 18-22 of section I to read
as follows:

1. Iraq-Kuwait: This a top story, but comment
scanty, half dozen small papers saying tut-tut to Kassem, two
noting Kuwait not at all the same as Goa, which was not inde-
pendent country but colony; recommended the two take their problem
to UN for peaceful negotiation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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as follows:

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Farman rejoiced that colonies now free, but said

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peaceful negotiations would have been better, as India's
disregard of UN has seriously weakened it. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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I. POLITICAL

A. EXTERNAL

1. IRAN-AFGHAN TRANSIT TRADE TALKS : IRAN-AFGHAN TRANSIT TRADE NEGOTIATORS REACHED AGREEMENT JANUARY 9, SIGNED PROCE- VERBAL. AFGHAN DELEGATE RAFIQ LEFT TEHRAN FOLLOWING DAY FOR KABUL, WITH DRAFT AGREEMENT, TO SEEK APPROVAL AFGHAN COUNCIL MINISTERS. IF APPROVAL OBTAINED, HE EXPECTED RETURN TEHRAN ABOUT JANUARY 14 FOR SIGNING. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: AGREEMENT ENDS THREE WEEKS BARGAINING, MAINLY ON IRANIAN RAIL-TRUCK RATES, WHICH AFGHANS INSISTED BE COMPETITIVE SOVIET TRANSIT RATES. AFGHAN DELEGATION REPORTED PLEASED IRANIAN COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE, AND RAFIQ

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EXPECTED STRONGLY URGE RGA ACCEPT DRAFT AGREEMENT. IRANIAN ROUTEE PROVIDE AFGHANS TEMPORARY TRANSIT DURING BREAK AFGHAN-PAKISTAN RELATIONS, AND ALSO LONG-RUN ALTERNATIVE SOVIET TRANSIT ROUTE. GOI REPORTEDLY REDUCED RATES TO NEAR-COST LEVEL, INCREASED TRAFFIC SHOULD BENEFIT AILING RAIL/TRUCKING INDUSTRIES. (CONFIDENTIAL)

"2 IRAN-USSR: AFTER REPORTS RECEIVED FROM MOSCOW THAT SOVIET OFFICIALS HAD INFORMED AMB ARDALAN THAT USSR GENUINELY DESIRED FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH IRAN AND WISHED HAVE CONVERSATIONS TO ACHIEVE THIS, FONMIN INFORMED EMB THAT ARDALAN HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED GOI NOT PREPARED GO BEYOND SHAH'S POSITION OUTLINED IN PAST CORRESPONDENCE WITH KHRUSHCHEV. ALSO INFORMED HIM THAT WHAT SOVS WANT IRAN CANNOT GIVE, AND THAT USSR SHOULD HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THIS. ARDALAN SUBSEQUENTLY INSTRUCTED TAKE NO INITIATIVE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SOV OFFICIALS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

SOV AMB PEGOV RETURNED TEHRAN JAN. 10 AND TOLD PRESS "IT NOW UP TO IRAN MAKE GREATER EFFORTS IMPROVE RELATIONS SINCE WE CANNOT INITIATE EVERYTHING. IN ANY CASE, I HOPE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS NOW EXIST FOR THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS." PEGOV ALSO REMARKED HE HAD MET WITH AMBASSADOR ARDALAN IN MOSCOW BUT SAID MEETINGS WERE NOT AS FREQUENT AS WHEN DR. ARDALAN WAS FOREIGN MINISTER IN TEHRAN. QUOTED AS SAYING "IT APPEARS THAT THESE DAYS HE WANTS TO GO SKIING." (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. ESTIMATED GOI OIL REVENUES FOR 1961: EMBASSY
LEARNED FROM CONSORTIUM THAT ON BASIS PRELIMINARY
CALCULATIONS GOI'S 1961 OIL REVENUE LIKELY TO BE IN RANGE
OF \$292-294 MILLION. THIS WOULD REPRESENT 2-3 PERCENT INCREASE
OVER 1960 REVENUE OF \$286 MILLION. (SEE ITEM 4 WEEKA NO.

42.) (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: EARLIER ESTIMATES GIVEN EMBASSY BY CONSORTIUM
FORECASTED REVENUES OF \$300-305 MILLION AND NIOC WAS
INFORMED IN WRITING BY CONSORTIUM IN SEPTEMBER REVENUES
EXPECTED REACH \$300 MILLION. CONSORTIUM STATES CHIEF
REASONS FOR DISAPPOINTING RESULT ARE COST INCREASES ARISING
FROM 1961 WAGE AND SALARY INCREASES WHICH EXCEEDED RESERVES
SET UP FOR PURPOSE AND FACT CONSORTIUM OFFTAKE FEW SHORT
OF 400 MILLION BARREL TARGET BY 2.5 MILLION BARRELS.

GOI LIKELY BE GREATLY DISTURBED IF 4TH QUARTER PAYMENT
FSE NEXT WEEK IS UNUSUALLY LOW IN RESPECT TO CONSORTIUM'S
ESTIMATE FOR 1961. REACTION OF GOI WILL BE SHARPENED BY
ITS OWN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AND FACT IT LED EXPECT MUCH
HIGHER REVENUES BY CONSORTIUM'S OWN FORECASTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. LAND REFORM: COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVED
REVISED VERSION LAND REFORM LAW JAN. 8, SENT IT TO SHAH
FOR CONCURRENCE. NEW LAW REPORTEDLY LIMITS LANDHOLDING TO ONE
VILLAGE AND PROHIBITS SPLITTING OF LAND AMONG OTHER MEMBERS FAMILY.
SHAH'S APPROVAL EXPECTED SHORTLY. TEXT NOT YET AVAILABLE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. BAQAI MEETING: IN FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE SINCE
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ACQUITTAL (WEEVA 1) DR. MOZAFAR BAQAI HELD MEETING ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY 2,000 PEOPLE. WHILE BAQAI INDICATED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH GOVT POSITION THAT ELECTIONS SHOULD NOT BE HELD UNTIL MORE TRANQUIL POLITICAL CLIMATE IS ACHIEVED, HE SAID BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS IS BY PUNISHING THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR CORRUPT ELECTORAL PRACTICES OF THE PAST. IN RATHER MILD TERMS BAQAI ALSO CRITICIZED PRESENT GOVT FOR SLOWNESS IN ATTACKING CORRUPTION. SPEECHES ALSO DELIVERED BY HOSEIN MAKI, AND QOLAM HOSEIN RAHIMIAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: GOVT GAVE OFFICIAL PERMISSION FOR MEETING, A PRIVILEGE DENIED THE NATIONAL FRONT FOR MANY MONTHS.
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4. WOMEN'S EMANCIPATION DAY: QUEEN FARAH EACH JAN. 7 COMMEMORATING 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNVEILING OF IRANIAN WOMEN, URGED REPRESENTATIVES OF WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS NOT TO LAG BEHIND WOMEN OF PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES. MEETING OF RAH-E NOW SOCIETY PREVIOUS EVENING WAS SCENE OF HEAVY ATTACK ON PRESENT ONE-SIDED DIVORCE CODE. PRESIDENT OF SOCIETY, MRS. PIRZADEH, ADVOCATED ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL TRIBUNAL DEALING WITH MARITAL PROBLEMS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE BOTH PARTIES WITH EQUAL RIGHTS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. AMINT GOVT.: MAJOR DAILY ETELAAT CONFESSED AMINI STILL THE FORCEFUL, DEDICATED LEADER ON WHOM PEOPLE

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ORIGINALLY PINNED HOPES, BUT COMPLAINED HE FRITTERING AWAY ENERGY ON TRIFLES. ALSO, THOUGH HIS TALKS EXCELLENT AS MEANS OF GETTING CONTACT WITH PEOPLE, THEIR INFLUENCE MITIATED BY CONTRADICTIONS IN BEHAVIOR OF OFFICIALS HIS ADMINISTRATION; BUT "IN A COUNTRY WHERE THE PERSONALITY CULT IS SO PREVALENT, MAN ON TOP COULD LEAD SUBORDINATES TO RIGHT PATH IF FORCEFUL ENOUGH... AMINI SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE FAVORABLE PUBLIC ATTITUDE..., SHAH'S SUPPORT..., CARRY OUT REPORTS WITH FORCEFUL DETERMINATION. SHOULD LOSE NO TIME," AS TOMORROW HE MIGHT NOT HAVE THE CHANCE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

10COMMENT: THIS A LITTLE UNUSUAL, AS MAJOR DAILIES, HAVE NORMALLY AVOIDED COMMENT TENDING IDENTIFY THEM IN ANY WAY FOR OR AGAINST AMINI. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. AMINI VS. PRESS: JEHAN, SEDAYE MARDOM SUSPENDED BY ACT PM, WHO NONCOMMITAL WHEN APPROACHED BY DELEGATION EDITORS PLEADING FOR RETRACTION BAN. ACCORDING UNCONFIRMED REPORT, "CERTAIN WEEKLIES" FORBIDDEN PRINT STATEMENT GIVEN THEM BY GENERAL BAKHTIAR; AZHANG APPEARED ONE DAY WITH EDITORIAL SPACE BLANK, EXCEPTING PHOTO BAKHTIAR, IN APPARENT EFFORT INDICATE TO PUBLIC IT BEING CENSORED. BAMSAD, THOUGH DEPLORING GOVT ACTION, REALISTICALLY NOTED THAT NO ONE PROTESTED CLOSURE MAJLIS SINCE IT REPRESENTED NO ONE, AND NO ONE REGRETTED DEMISE POLITICAL PARTIES SINCE THEY REPRESENTED ON ONE, AND LIKEWISE MOST PROBABLY NO ONE WILL BOTHER SUPPORT NEWSPAPERS.

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COMMENT: JEHAN HAD COURTED DISASTER, (1) WITH EDITORIAL CLAIMING IT ONLY IN RULING CLIQUE THAT CORRUPTION EXISTS, AND THAT INFLUENCE OF QAJAR DYNASTY STILL PERSISTS THOUGH THAT CLIQUE (AMINI IS COUSIN OF LAST QAJAR SHAH), AND (2) WITH EDITORIAL OPENLY SUPPORTING BAKHTIAR RE GOA (WEEKA 1). SEDAYE MAROM, RECENTLY OPENLY IDENTIFIED WITH ANIT-GOVT. MOVEMENT "DEFENDERS OF CONSTITUTION," HEADED BY RIGHTISTS RASHIDIAN AND FORUD, HAS CONSISTENTLY BLASTED AMINI AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, BADGERED AMINI WITH THIS AT JAN. 2 PRESS CONF TO OBVIOUS ANNOYANCE PM. OTHER OPPOSITION TO AMINI AMONG SMALL PAPERS OWING POLICY GOVT OF ATTEMPTING REDUCE NUMBER TINY NEWSPAPERS BY WITHHOLDING LUCRATIVE GOVT ADS (OFFICIAL NOTICES); IN RECENT MONTHS GOVT HAS THUS SUCCEEDED IN ELIMINATING TEN OF TOTAL 72 DAILY OR WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS, BUT AMINI SAID TO FEEL MORE SHOULD GO. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

3. THIRD PLAN: SHAH VISIT PLANORG, SPEECH FAVORING NEW PLAN, EVOKED CONSIDERABLE COMMENT, MOSTLY FAVORABLE TO PLAN. ETELAAT NOTED FACTORS CAUSING DRAWBACKS IN FIRST TWO PLANS NO LONGER EXIST, BUT WITHOUT FULL SUPPORT PUBLIC AND GOVT AGENCIES PLAN MUST FAIL. COUPLE PAPERS STILL WORRIED ABOUT HOW PLAN TO BE FINANCED, OFFER COUNSEL AGAINST FOREIGN LOANS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. TURKEY-USSR-IRAN: ALLEGED SOVIET AID OFFER GIVEN WIDE NEWS COVERAGE, CONSIDERABLE NEWS COMMENT, MOSTLY VAGUE. ETELAAT OPINED WE MAY BE SEEING END OF ABSOLUTE

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TURKISH RELIANCE ON US. NOTING TURKEY MEMBER XOTH NATO, CENTO, BANSHAD SAID IRANIAN MEMBERSHIP CENTO SHOULD NOT REDUCE COUNTRY TO STATUS AMERICAN SATELLITE; IF IRAN GOVT ALSO ADOPTED "NATIONAL AND INDEPENDENT POLICY, BOTH RUSSIANS AND AMERICANS WOULD RESPECT OUR INTERESTS AND ESTABLISH BETTER RELATIONS." (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

1. RADIO MOSCOW/PEYKE IRAN: RM NOTED ANNIVERSARY OF ABROGATION AUTHORITY OF DR. MILLSPAURY, AMERICAN ADVISER, STATING MILLSPAUGH'S ACTIVITIES MADE BAD SITUATION WORSE; SAID IRANIAN AUTHORITIES FAILED LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE, NOW HAVE 12,000 AMERICANS ADVISERS IN IRAN. QUOTED TEHRAN MAGAZINE AS SAYING AMERICAN ADVISERS HAD ONLY MADE LIVING CONDITIONS WORSE, CAUSED INFLATED RENTS, WHILE RECEIVING GREAT SUMS FROM GOVT TREASURY. SAID NEW TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY RUSSIA AND TURKEY WILL INCREASE EXCHANGE GOODS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES; SUGGESTED EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH IRAN AS MEANS FOR BETTER POLITICAL RELATIONS. CLAIMED SECRET MILITARY AGREEMENT SIGNED BY IRAN AND ISRAEL IN TEHRAN FOLLOWING TALKS BETWEEN AMINI AND BEN GURION AND QUOTED BEIRUT NEWSPAPER AS SAYING IRAN TO RECEIVE ATOMIC WEAPONS FROM ISRAEL IN RETURN FOR IRANIAN OIL; SAID SECRET AGREEMENT IS DAGGER TO STAB MOSLEM COUNTRIES IN BACK. MAJOR MORTAZAVI, IRANIAN DEFECTOR, TOLD IRANIANS SECRET CENTO PLANS DIVIDED IRAN INTO OIL-PRODUCING SOUTH,

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TO BE DEFENDED AND USED AS OFFENSIVE BASE AGAINST USSR,
AND EXPENDABLE NORTH, TO BE DESTROYED IF EXPEDIENT.

PEYKE-IRAN ATTACKED ACQUITTAL OF DR. BAQAI WHICH IT
SAID SHAH DIRECTED; SAID BAQAI REVEALED HIMSELF DURING TRIAL
AS SERVANT OF SHAH, PUPPET OF ALIENS, AND GUARDIAN OF IGNORANCE
IN TESTIMONY DIRECTED AGAINST TUDER PARTY, NATIONAL FRONT,
AND DR. MOSADEQ. SNEERED AT SHAH'S PARTICIPATION IN
PREPARATION THIRD PLAN, INQUIRING WHETHER SHAH IS ENGINEER,
LAWYER OR TECHNICAL EXPERT; SAID FIRST AND SECOND PLANS
FAILED DUE TO PARTICIPATION OF YOGH, HIS RELATIVES
IN ALL NATION'S AFFAIRS. CRITICIZED AMINI'S
FAILURE CARRY OUT EARLY FIERY SPEECHES PROMISING LAND
REFORM; SAID THIS DUE NOT ONLY TO OPPOSITION SHAH'S
REGIME AND BIG LANDOWNERS ALONE BUT ALSO BECAUSE AMERICAN
CIRCLES HAVE LOST THEIR ORIGINAL ENTHUSIASM FOR LAND.
REFORM AFTER REALIZING THAT IMPERIALISM NEEDS FEUDALISTS IN
ORDER CONTINUE CONTROL IRAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

III. MILITARY

A. ARMY

1. DEATH OF V CORPS COMMANDER: MAJ. GEN. ROSTAM
NOZARI, CG V CORPS, DIED 8 JANUARY. HIS SUCCESSOR HAS
NOT BEEN NAMED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. NAVY - NEGATIVE.

C. AIR FORCE - NEGATIVE.

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1. Political

A. Internal

1. Minister of Finance resigns: Following dispute in cabinet, Min Finance Abdol Hosein Zehnia submitted resignation which accepted by PriMin Jan 14. While several factors contributed to dispute, final split apparently occurred over argument how to handle tight budgetary situation which said to be endangering meeting of Feb and March payrolls. For time being PriMin will himself hold finance portfolio. (CONF)

Comment: PriMin told Amb Holmes that Behnia's resignation would clear way for thorough reform Min Finance; said Behnia was good man but too conservative in light of country's present problems. While holding portfolio, PriMin said he would push through measures to establish separate budget bureau, accomplish tax reform. Task force headed by Dep Central Bank Governor Reza Moqadam, appointed to recommend changes in structure, administrative practices Min Finance. PriMin looking for competent new minister but choice not yet made. (CONFIDENTIAL).

2. GOI oil revenues (WEEKA 2): Consortium informed embassy fourth quarter oil payment to GOI amounted to \$66.6 million. Payment made on basis five percent refinery "uplift" as GOI has not yet agreed to Consortium offer ten percent "uplift" applicable 1961 only. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Comment: Assuming a ten percent "uplift" and close to \$7 million in retroactive tax payments due April, embassy estimates GOI 1961 revenue would be \$294 million, which is less than 3 percent above 1960 and \$6 to 311 million short of Consortium's recent estimates.

No reaction observed yet from GOI, but believed will take some days for implications by appointing fourth quarter payment filter through GOI ministeries and agencies. (CONF) DA IN 194768

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3. Land reform (WEEKA 2): Shah approved revised version land reform law and instructed government to initiate implementation. Min Agriculture Arsanjani preparing apply law Maraqeh area, East Azerbaijan, beginning mid-February. In view variations land tenure problems different regions, he anticipates initial actions will be on trial and error basis and subject to adaptation other areas in light experience gained. Official text law in process translation and analysis (see Emb A-195). (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

4. Administrative reform program: Cabinet established by decree new high administrative council to push administrative reforms in govt. PriMin appointed plan org Administrative Deputy Dr Manuchehr Gudarzi as Deputy PriMin and Sec-Gen New council. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Formation council and appointment capable young administrator important self-help measure toward effecting governmental improvements necessary, particularly for third plan. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

B. External.

1. Iran-USSR: In renewal diplomatic activity following his return from Moscow Sov Amb Pegov called on FonMin, covered familiar ground in discussion Iran-USSR relations. Only new element was reference to Sov efforts improve relations with Turkey as proof of desire do likewise with Iran. Said he would ask to see PriMin and Shah. FonMin told emb he had maintained Iranian position not to go beyond Shah's letters to Khrushchev re foreign missile bases. (WEEKA 2) (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Iran's candidacy for Security Council: Emb has received note from Fon Ministry declaring determination Iran Gov be candidate for election to Security Council at 17th UNGA. Note recalls that Iran had withdrawn its candidacy for election to SC in 13th GA in favor Tunisia "in order show goodwill and friendship to newly independent countries of Africa." (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Iran Gov attempting persuade some competing candidates withdraw in its favor and hopes obtain adequate support from friendly nations, particularly among Afro-Asian group (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. PriMin to visit West Germany, France: Press announced PriMin Amini had accepted invitation of Federal Republic Germany pay official visit that country in mid-February. Amini expected hold talks on bigger German investment and extension of new credits with Iran.

Press also reported Amini would visit France, discuss French technical cooperation with Iran. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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II Psychological
A. Press

1. Land reform bill: Top story all respects. Abundant comment mostly favorable, though a few papers express reservations re wisdom choice Maraqeh area, couple think govt should have started by distributing govt-owned lands. Important support both major dailies. Kayhan commended Minag Arsanjani's "single-mindedness in pushing through land reform measure..., throwing overboard every single outmoded clause of rather farcical land reform law passed by Majlis and composing law which we hope will change social structure Iran's countryside." Eteleaat gave all-out support, saying "feudalism has created harmful power vacuum and brought social, political, economic stagnation which had crippled all mechanisms of progress... as long as owners of large amounts of land have power to block reform, no major reform in any field is possible."

Opposition papers managed find reasons to grouse without challenging principle reform, Jehan grumbling vaguely about somebody's taking law into own hands. Bamshad said though every Iranian desirous free peasants from bondage, landlords are indomitable, will not submit; Arsanjani man of words not action, too weak to complete program. A few papers insist idea reform is fine, but that does not change fact law is unconstitutional, and end does not justify means. (UNCLASS)

2. Amini vs press: Ban on Jehan, Sedaye Mardom lifted. Jehan in first editorial unctuously prayed God for fortitude in defending Iran, noting it did so "because it not connected any foreign embassy." Next day took up cudgel again saying Amini's policies inadvisable, he has lost control; "We most politely and logically oppose the Amini government." Sedaye Mardom protested it tried vainly to discover why it suspended, amazed to hear rumor it was because paper had defended constitution (i.e., called for Majlis) said if Amini held free elections, it would be his greatest supporter. (UNCLASS)

3. UN: Eteleaat speculated on problems of maintaining world organization set up to maintain status quo when world demanded changes in status quo. New interpretation of charter necessary if UN to continue to exist. Not duty of UN to safeguard colonial privileges. "Has not the time come for more progressive interpretation objectives of UN?" Big powers should facilitate changes before they thrust upon them. (UNCLASS)

4. Iran-USSR: Pegov return, conversations with FonMin, stirred flurry speculation re improvement relations along habitual lines: Iran has always wanted be friends, USSR at fault, should stop propaganda attacks, respect Iranian national integrity. (UNCLASS)

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B. Radio

1. Radio Moscow-Peyk-E Iran: RM said new land reform law is sham intended to calm peasants, placate nationalists, and reassure Americans, who now hesitate to grant new loans to ruling class likely to be overthrown by dissatisfied masses; said Arsanjani admitted law would affect only 17,000 of 45,000 Iranian villages, and would be carried out after approval by Majlis, whose election date not even set. Noted West Germany proving to be "fierce new plunderer" of Middle East, more skillful than rival French, English, US imperialists. Continued attack CENTO and heavy military expenses assumed by Iran.

Peyk-E Iran scoffed at Amini's land reform. Said Arsanjani reported measurement mere 280 hectares of Shah's land required 10 years, cost 100 million rials. Recalled that vast China accomplished thorough land reform in short time, after revolution installed "genuine people's govt;" said if Shah and monarchy overthrown, land distribution will be carried out quickly, simply in Iran.

III. Military - Negative.

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I. POLITICAL
A. INTERNAL

1. STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS: LARGE-SCALE STUDENT DEMONSTRATION TEHRAN UNIV JAN 21, SUPPRESSED BY POLICE AND MILITARY (SEE ARMY, ITEM 2), RESULTED IN NUMEROUS INJURIES, ARRESTS AND CONSIDERABLE PROPERTY DAMAGE. NEWSPAPERS REPORT CHANCELLOR OF UNIV, AND DEANS ALL FACULTIES RESIGNED IN PROTEST AGAINST POLICE AND TROOP ACTION, WHILE OTHER REPORTS INDICATE THEY SERVED NOTICE ON GOVT THEY WILL NOT OPERATE UNIV UNTIL PERPETRATORS ARE FOUND AND PUNISHED. GOVT ADOPTED STRONG SECURITY PRECAUTIONS, ANNOUNCED ENEMIES OF REFORM PROVOKED STUDENTS ENGAGE IN VIOLENT CLASH WITH POLICE AND DECLARED IT WOULD PROSECUTE THOSE RESPONSIBLE. ON JAN 22, RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY, GOVT CLOSED ARK MOSQUE, INTENDED SCENE OF NF MEETING, BEGAN ROUNDUP OF 15 WELL-KNOWN POLITICAL LEADERS OF OPPOSITION GROUPS. MINOR DISTURBANCES CONTINUING THROUGH JAN 25.

ONE STUDENT KILLED IN CLASH WITH POLICE AT MAJLIS SQUARE JAN 23. AUTHORITIES BLAMED DEATH ON INSTIGATORS, CLAIMED POLICE HAD NOT FIRED WEAPONS. NF GENERAL STRIKE ATTEMPT FIZZLED SAME DAY.

SHAH GAVE PRIMIN AMINI STRONG ACTION AND FULL AUTHORITY ADOPT MEASURES NECESSARY PRESERVE PUBLIC ORDER. GOVT MANAGED HANDLE FURTHER DISORDERS WITH FIRMNESS AND HAS THUS FAR SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED SERIOUS DETERIORATION SECURITY SITUATION. SCOPE OF ARRESTS, COVERING BOTH RIGHTIST AND LEFTIST OPPOSITION, APPEARS HAVE EFFECTIVELY THWARTED ORGANIZATION LARGE-SCALE POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS.

1 THOSE ARRESTED THUS FAR INCLUDE NF LEADERS SANJABI, SADEQI, AND RIGHTISTS ASADOLLAH RASHIDIAN, EX-MAYOR FORUD, AND JAFAR

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BEHBEHANI. GOVT ALSO SAID BE CONTEMPLATING ARREST SEVERAL PROMINENT LANDLORDS IN ORDER NEUTRALIZE POTENTIAL THAT GROUP. THREE NEWSPAPERS ALSO SUSPENDED. (SEE PRESS, ITEM 2) TEACHERS TRAINING COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REMAIN CLOSED. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: EMB SEES NO SIGN SHAH WAVERING IN SUPPORT FOR AMINI OR LIKELY DUMP HIM OUT OF PANIC. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. BAKHTIAR EXILED: PURSUANT PUBLIC DISORDERS SHAH INSTRUCTED TEIMUR BAKHTIAR LEAVE COUNTRY. ACCORDING LATTER, REQUEST PROMPTED BY AMINI WHO SAID BAKHTIAR'S INTRIGUES AND PRESENCE IN COUNTRY AGGRAVATES SITUATION. SOME SOURCES INDICATE AMINI FIRST DEMANDED BAKHTIAR'S ARREST WHICH SHAH REFUSED. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: SHAH'S ORDER TO BAKHTIAR REGARDED AS FIRM INDICATION HIS BACKING AMINI GOVT. SHAH'S OWN FEAR BAKHTIAR'S ACTIONS MAY HAVE PLAYED SOME PART IN DECISION. WHILE MANY EDUCATED ELEMENTS WILL DOUBTLESS BE GLAD SEE DEPARTURE OF EX-SAVAK CHIEF, GOVT MAY BE CRITICIZED FOR ALLOWING PERSON WIDELY REGARDED AS CORRUPT LEAVE COUNTRY INSTEAD OF BEING ARRESTED.

BAKHTIAR'S DEPARTURE LIKELY BE VIEWED WITH APPROVAL BY LEFTISTS, TUDHEISTS, VIEW OF BAKHTIAR'S KNOWN OPPOSITION TO COMMUNISTS. SOME CONSERVATIVES MAY SEE THIS AS FILLIP TO LEFTIST SENTIMENT. IN EMB VIEW, HOWEVER, ADVANTAGES STABILITY AMINI REGIME OUTWEIGH DISADVANTAGES THIS DEVELOPMENT. THOSE IRANIANS LOOKING FOR STRONG MAN RUN COUNTRY LIKELY BECOME QUIETER ON DEPARTURE OF CANDIDATE ON WHOM THEIR DESIRES HAVE INCREASINGLY FOCUSED AS SUCCESSOR TO AMINI. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. EBTEHAJ CASE: MIN JUSTICE NUR EDBGDIN ALAMUTI LAUNCHED BROADSIDE ATTACK AGAINST PLANS AND PLANNERS IN PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 21. DECLINING DISCUSS DETAILS OF CASE, ALAMUTI INSTEAD ATTACKED "FOREIGN INTERESTS" - PARTICULARLY AMERICAN PRESS - WHICH ALLEGEDLY CONFUSED PUBLIC ABOUT REASONS EBTEHAJ'S DETENTION. VOLUNTEERED PLAN ORG FUNDS SPENT FOR WRONG PURPOSES AND "IRANIAN PEOPLE" BELIEVE EBTEHAJ GUILTY.

CIVIL SERVICE TRIBUNAL JAN 24 REJECTED EBTEHAJ'S APPEAL, AND CASE NOW REMANDED TO PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE. (OFLUSE)

COMMENT: EMB HAS RELIABLE REPORT PRIMIN MUCH ANNOYED

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AT ALAMUTI'S REMARKS, TOLD HIM SONVUAND WAS OFFERED RESIGNATION. PLAN ORG ALSO DISTURBED AT ANTAGONISTIC ATTITUDE OF JUSTICE TOWARD PLANNING PROCESS. PRESS CONFERENCE STRENGTHENED GENERAL IMPRESSION EBTEHAJ CASE BASED LESS ON HARD EVIDENCE THAN ON UNINFORMED PREJUDICES JUSTICE OFFICIALS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. EXTERNAL

1. IRAN-USSR: SHAH RECEIVED SOV AMB PEGOV JAN 20. FOLLOWING LATTER'S RESTATEMENT SOV POSITION, SHAH TOLD PEGOV HE WOULD INSTRUCT FONMIN SEND HIM LETTER STATING IRANGOV WOULD NOT ALLOW X X X MISSILE BASES ON IRANIAN SOIL. HE ALSO SAID LETTER WOULD INCLUDE STATEMENT THAT IRAN IS INDEPENDENT COUNTRY AND HAS RIGHT TO EQUIP ITS ARMED FORCES WITH ANY WEAPONS CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR ITS DEFENSE. PEGOV X X X EXPRESSED SATISFACTION.

ACCORDING FONMIN, NOTE WILL BE DELIVERED JAN 27. SAID IRAN X X X FROM USSR, PARTICULARLY A CESSATION UNFRIENDLY PROPAGANDA. (SECRET)

COMMENT: SHAH'S OFFER IS RESTATEMENT OF COMMITMENT MADE IN COURSE X X X CORRESPONDENCE WITH KHRUSHCHEV PAST YEAR AND HALF. X X X REJECTED SHAH'S OFFER AS INADEQUATE, VIEW OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S., IRAN'S MEMBERSHIP IN CENTO. IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH SHAH, KHRUSHCHEV SOUGHT IN VARIOUS TERMS EXTEND STATEMENT TO "FOREIGN MILITARY BASES" AND ASSURANCES "IRAN WOULD NOT BE USED AS BASE FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST USSR." (SECRET)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. LAND REFORM: STILL BY ALL ODDS TOP STORY, ONLY LATTERLY PARTLY OVERSHADOWED BY STUDENT RIOTS. NEWS COVERAGE AMPLE AND OF FAIR QUALITY, WITH KAYHAN SAMPLING LANDLORD, PEASANT OPINION TEHRAN AREA; NO PAPER HAS YET SHOWN ENTERPRISE BY SENDING REPORTER TO MARAQEH. COMMENT MUCH THE SAME, MOSTLY FAVORABLE, WITH FAIR NUMBER SAYING LAND REFORM DANDY BUT DECREE ILLEGAL, OTHERS REPEATING GOVT SHOULD HAVE STARTED WITH STATE-OWNED LANDS. THIS WEEK TWO QUERIED WHY NOT START WITH LANDS OF WEALTHY LANDLORD AMINI, KHANDANIHA POINTING OUT THAT IN REFORM BATTLE CAPTAIN SHOULD NOT LEAD HIS TROOPS FROM BEHIND. ETTELAAT SAID COOPERATION PROMISED BY LANDLORDS
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Correct page 3 lines 8-23 to read as follows:

1. Iran-USSR: Shah received Sov Amb. Pegov Jan 20.. Following latter's restatement Sov position, Shah told Pegov he would instruct FonMin send him letter stating Iran Gov would not allow establishment foreign missile bases on Iranian soil. He also said letter would include statement that Iran is independent country and has right to equip its armed forces with any weapons considered necessary for its defense. Pegov reportedly expressed satisfaction..

According FonMin, note will be delivered Jan 27. Said Iran expects quid pro quo from USSR; particularly a cessation of unfriendly propaganda. (SECRET)

Comment: Shah's offer is restatement of commitment made in course protracted correspondence with Khrushchev past year and half. Sovs have hitherto rejected Shah's offer as inadequate, view of bilateral agreement with U.S., Iran's membership in CENTO.

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MEANT LAND REFORM LAW HAD "BRIGHT AND PROMISING" FUTURE. TINY ETTEHAD MELLI CHIDED THOSE WHO CLAIMED LAND REFORM AGAINST ISLAM, SAYING IF THESE HAD ANY RELIGION AT ALL WOULD NOT HAVE MISTREATED PEASANTS IN FIRST PLACE. TWO PAPERS SAID AMINI UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT LAND REFORM, ACTED UNDER FOREIGN PRESSURE, BAMSHAD CLAIMING THIS A DEMAGOGIC MANEUVER TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM ELECTION ISSUE; AS SOON AS MARAQEH REFORMS FINISHED AMINI WILL REMOVE ARSANJANI, LET WHOLE THING SLIDE. JEHN ANTI FOR EVERY REASON IT COULD THINK UP (SEE BELOW). (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS: EXTRAORDINARY FREEDOM PERMITTED PRESS IN REPORTING RIOTS, CONTRASTING MARKEDLY FOR EXAMPLE CENSORSHIP IMPOSED IN CASE SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS JUST YEAR AGO. COMMENT, HOWEVER, VERY LIGHT; EXCEPT FOR JEHN (BELOW) ONLY THREE CONSISTENTLY PRO-GOVT PAPERS COMMENTED, ECHOING GOVT LINE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: UNUSUAL PRESS FREEDOM (WHICH, DESPITE PROTESTS TO CONTRARY, PAPERS HAVE LONG ENJOYED UNDER AMINI) STILL DOUBTLESS VIEWED WITH SOME SUSPICION, UNCERTAINTY AS TO LIMITS PERMISSIBILITY, WHICH WOULD EXPLAIN FAILURE COMMENT TOUCHY ISSUE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. PRESS: JEHN, SEDAYE MARDOM AGAIN BANNED, ALSO DONYAYE JADID, PROMPTLY AFTER RIOTS. ALL REACTIONARY, ANTI-GOVT. LAST TWO APPARENTLY BANNED JUST ON PRINCIPLE, BUT JEHN, WHOSE EDITOR BEHDAD AMONG THOSE ARRESTED, HAD EDITORIALLY (A) BLASTED "HANDFUL OF INDIVIDUALS" FOR DESTROYING ENEMIES UNJUSTLY THROUGH LAND REFORM; (B) ASSERTED AMINI WOULD END UP IN PRISON OR EXILE; (C) NOTED EX-TUDEH MEMBERS WERE IN CABINET AND CLAIMED AMERICANS AND COMMUNISTS HAD JOINED HANDS TO JAM THROUGH REFORMS; (D) SAID CLAIM RIOTS INCITED BY LANDLORD ELEMENTS SHEER FABRICATION; (E) PRAYED GOD TO GIVE BACK HEALTH TO THOSE INJURED FIGHTING FOR THEIR "HONOR" AND TO SEND BACK VANISHED 12TH IMAM TO CUT THROATS OF MERCILESS MEN AND SAVE LAND FROM TYRANNY -- ALL THIS WHILE PROCLAMING ITS DEDICATION TO REFORM, CRUSHING OF RULING CLASS. (UNCLASS)

4. LATIN AMERICA AND REFORM: IN TWO-DAY SERIES ETTELAAT NOTED DOMINICAN REP COULD REBOUND FROM RIGHTIST DICTATORSHIP EITHER AS CUBA OR AS VENEZUELA, BUT THAT THIS REALLY NOT MUCH OF A CHOICE. SAID FOR BACKWARD COUNTRIES FORM OF GOVT NOT IMPORTANT, NOR EVEN WHETHER IT DEMOCRATIC, PROVIDED IT WORKED AS FAR AS REFORMS CONCERNED. BUT IN VENEZUELA BETANCOURT HAD SIMPLY FAILED, HIS LAND REFORM PROGRAM HAMPERED BY FEAR OF LANDLORDS, RESULTANT OVERPAYMENTS FOR LAND, HESITANCY IN PUSHING PROGRAM; IN VENEZUELA "POLITICAL

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INEFFICIENCY AND COMPROMISE HAVE FOLLOWED CORRUPTION AND
TYRANNY." (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: PAPER DID NOT BOTHER TO DRAW OBVIOUS MORAL
FOR IRAN. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

B. RADIO

1. STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS: GOVT-CONTROLLED RADIO
ALSO GAVE FAIRLY COMPLETE REPORTAGE TO STUDENT RIOTS,
THOUGH ALWAYS OF COURSE PRESENTING GOVT INTERPRETATION. (UNCLAS)

2. RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN: RM QUOTED UPI
REPORTS OF 3-HOUR STUDENT CLASH WITH GOVT FORCES AT UNIV
TEHRAN; CALLED IT "GREATEST BATTLE SINCE FALL OF MOSADEQ,"
INVOLVING "3000-4000 STUDENTS." SAID SEVERAL PERSONS
KILLED, 100 AMBULANCES NEEDED TO REMOVE INJURED; REPORTED
ARREST DR. SANJABI, OTHER OPPOSITION LEADERS, INDEFINITE
CLOSING UNIVERSITY. SAID IRANIAN STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED IN
NEW YORK AGAINST "BLOODY" POLICE ACTIONS. CLAIMED IRANIAN
RULERS FEAR STUDENTS BECAUSE, AS SALISBURY WROTE IN
NY TIMES, "TEHRAN UNIV IS ABLE OVERTHROW GOVT. FORTUNATELY
YOUTHS ARE NOT AWARE OF OWN POWER;" SAID STUDENTS'
INTENSIFIED STRUGGLES SHOW THEY NOW REALIZE THEIR STRENGTH.
ALSO FEATURED USUAL TYPE ATTACKS ON CENTO, PLEA FOR NEUTRALITY
BY DEFECTOR MAJOR MORTAZAVI, AND ATTACK ON LAND REFORM PROGRAM;
COMPARED OLD TALE OF MOUNTAIN BRINGING FORTH MOUSE WITH LONG-
EXPECTED REFORM UNDER WHICH IMPOVERISHED PEASANTS REQUIRED PAY
LARGE SUMS FOR LAND AND MEMBERSHIP IN COOPERATIVES.

NVI CALLED FOR AMINI'S RESIGNATION FOLLOWING STUDENT
DEMONSTRATION. SAID RIGHT TO DEMONSTRATE RECOGNIZED BY
IRANIAN CONSTITUTION; NOTED DEMONSTRATIONS POSSIBLE EVEN IN
WASHINGTON AND LONDON, BUT SAID SHAH, AMINI AFRAID OF STUDENT
PATRIOTS.

PEYK-E IRAN ATTACKED GOVT SUPPRESSION STUDENT DEMONSTRATION.
SAID SHAM REFORM PROGRAM FAILED MISLEAD STUDENTS, PEOPLE, WITH
RESULT SHAH'S THRONE SUPPORTED ONLY BY BAYONETS. CONTINUED
CONCENTRATE ATTACKS ON LAND REFORM PROGRAM, CALLING IT PLAN
FOR GOVT ACT AS BROKER TO SELL LANDLORDS' SURPLUS LANDS TO
PEASANTS, RATHER THAN GENUINE LAND DISTRIBUTION; TOLD PEASANTS
ALL LAND RIGHTFULLY THEIRS, GOVT MUST GIVE THEM LAND WITHOUT
REQUIRING PAYMENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. REORGANIZATION OF J-2, SCS: APPROVAL HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR COMPLETE REORGANIZATION OF J-2, SCS, BUT SLOW PROGRESS LIKELY, OWING TO RELUCTANCE MANY OFFICERS ACCEPT CHANGES. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. SUPPRESSION OF DEMONSTRATION: APPROXIMATELY 300 MEN OF SPECIAL FORCES BATTALION, INCLUDING AN ENTIRE JUMP CLASS, WERE COMMITTED ALONG WITH MILITARY POLICE IN SUPPRESSING TEHRAN UNIVERSITY DEMONSTRATION 21 JAN. MUCH DAMAGE CAUSED UNIVERSITY BY UNCONTROLLED AND UNDISCIPLINED SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL WHO ALSO ROBBED AND PLUNDERED INDISCRIMINATELY, INCLUDING PROPERTY OF FOREIGN STUDENTS. GENERAL HEJAZI IN CONVERSATION WITH PAKISTANI MIL ATTACHE, WHO PROTESTED BEATING AND ROBBING PAKISTANI STUDENTS, DENIED PARTICIPATION IRANIAN MILITARY FORCES. SAME DAY IN CONVERSATION WITH AMERICAN SOURCE, GENERAL HEJAZI PRAISED "HIS BOYS" IN SUPPRESSING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. TRANSFER OF BORDER GUARD: AUTHORITATIVE IRANIAN SOURCE STATES SECURITY COUNCIL ON 24 JAN ENDORSED DECISION TAKEN BY SUPREME COMMANDERS STAFF TO TRANSFER BORDER GUARD FROM ARMY CONTROL TO GENDARMERIE CONTROL. SOURCE DOUBTS THIS DECISION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED SOON, IF EVER, AS GENDARMERIE HAS REQUESTED AN ADDITIONAL 400 MILLION RIALS (\$5.3 MILLION) FOR ITS BUDGET TO INTEGRATE BORDER GUARD, AND FURTHER DESIRES CHANGE STATUS OF MEMBERS FROM CONSCRIPT TO VOLUNTEERS. (CONF)

B. NAVY - NEGATIVE.

C. AIR FORCE - NEGATIVE.

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. AMINI'S POSITION: IN TALK WITH AMB, PRIMIN AMINI SAID HE CONVINCED UNIV DISTURBANCE (WEEKA 4) WAS PLANNED AND THAT NATIONAL FRONT COMBINED WITH EXTREME RIGHTISTS AND COMMUNISTS IN EFFORT DISCREDIT AND DISLODGE HIS GOVT. ALSO CLAIMED HE HAD POSITIVE PROOF GEN BAKHTIAR INVOLVED. AMINI TOLD AMB HE NOW BELIEVED NO UNDERSTANDING WITH NF POSSIBLE, THAT ITS LEADERS SEEK ONLY POWER, ANDURE OPPOSED TO MONARCHY AND COMMITTED TO NEUTRALISM. BELIEVES THERE IS AMPLE EVIDENCE TO CONVICT ARRESTED NF LEADERS AND INTENDS FOLLOW SAME COURSE IN PROSECUTING EXTREME RIGHTISTS. ADDED HE EXPECTS NO MORE

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NONSENSE FROM LANDLORDS WHO CONTRIBUTED FUNDS TO UNSEAT HIM
AND BELIEVES THIS ELEMENT NOW UNDERSTANDS HE MEANS BUSINESS;
AND THAT HIS FIRMNESS IN FACE OF RECENT DISORDERS WILL
RESULT IN DISAPPEARANCE OF SERIOUS OPPOSITION TO LAND REFORMS.
ADDEd HE HAD RETAINED SHAH'S FULL BACKING. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: AMINI EMERGED FROM CRISIS WITH LEADING OPPONENTS
IN JAIL AND EXILED, AND WITH SHAH'S CONTINUED CONFIDENCE.
EXPLANATION FOR AMINI'S SURVIVAL AND IMPROVED POSITION IN
AFTERMATH OF SITUATION WHICH POSTED GRAVE SECURITY AND POLITICAL
PROBLEMS SEEMS LIE PRINCIPALLY IN FACT HE DID NOT PANIC AND
TOOK RAPID ACTION WHERE NEEDED, HAVING GONE TO SHAH IMMEDIATELY
WITH PROGRAM OF COUNTERACTION WHILE LATTER STILL WORRYING
ABOUT SITUATION. GOVT'S FIRMNESS IN SUPERVISING POLITICAL
AGITATION, IMPLYING STRONG DETERMINATION REMAIN IN OFFICE,
MAY HELP CONVINCE SKEPTICAL PUBLIC THAT GOVT IS EQUALLY
DETERMINED CARRY OUT REFORMS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. PL-480 AGREEMENT: ON JANUARY 29, PRIMIN AMINI
AND AMB HOLMES SIGNED PL-480 TITLE I AGREEMENT FOR 100,000
TONS OF WHEAT WITH EXPORT SALES VALUE \$7.5 MILLION; 70 PER
CENT OF RIAL PROCEEDS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT
LOANS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: VIEW STEADYDRAWDOWN WHEAT STOCKS, SERIOUS
SITUATION WILL DEVELOP UNLESS FIRST SHIPMENTS ARRIVE BY
MID-MARCH. IF DELAYS IN PURCHASING AND SHIPMENT OCCUR, MAY BE
NECESSARY REQUEST DIVERSION WHEAT AFLOAT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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B. EXTERNAL

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1. IRAN-USSR: JAN 29 PRESS HEADLINED REPORT THAT SOV AGENTS INCITED STUDENTS TO RIOT IN JAN 21 DEMONSTRATIONS AND REPORTED AMINI STATEMENT THAT GOVT HAD DELIVERED WRITTEN PROTEST. FONMIN QODS-NAKHAI LATFR TOLD OUR AMB HIS MINISTRY HAD TELEPHONED SOV EMB JAN 25 PROTESTING PRESENCE EMB CARS AND OFFICIALS NEAR SCENE OF DISORDER. FOLLOWING DAY SOV AMB PEGOV CALLED ON FONMIN, DENIED PARTICIPATION HIS EMB IN EVENTS JAN 21 AND REJECTED FONMINIS TRY'S REPRESENTATIONS. QODS-NAKHAI RESPONDED WITH STRONG ORAL PROTEST REPEATING ROFT'S EARLIER REPRESENTATION.

FONMIN DID NOT HAVE OPPORTUNITY PRESENT STATEMENT TO PEGOV AFFIRMING FOREIGN MISSILE BASES WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED ON IRANIAN SOIL (WEEKA 4), SINCE PEGOV CANCELLED APPOINTMENTS WITH EXPLANATION HE WAS ILL WITH HEART ATTACK. FONMIN BELIEVES THAT IN VIEW PRESENT STATE OF RELATIONS WITH USSR, STATEMENT ON MISSILE BASES SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

EMB RELIABLY INFORMED THAT MAJ GEN HASAN PAKRAVAN, CHIEF OF SAVAK, HAS SAID THEREIS NO EVIDENCE INDICATING SOVS OR MEMBERS, TUDEH (COMMUNIST) PARTY WERE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN RECENT DISTURBANCES. PAKRAVAN ADDED NEWS STORIES TO THIS EFFECT PUBLISHED ONLY FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. (SECRET)

2. IRAN-AFGHANISTAN: IRAN-AFGHANISTAN TRANSIT AGREEMENT INITIALED JAN 29. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVAL AND FINAL SIGNATURE EXPECTED SHORTLY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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II; PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS: PRESS APPARENTLY GIVEN COMPLETE FREEDOM, REPORTING IN FULL RIOTS, BEATINGS, STUDENT DEATH, ARRESTS, EXILE OF BAKHTIAR, ETC. CONTRASTS MARKEDLY WITH SUPPRESSION OF REPORTAGE IN CASE OF STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS YEAR AGO. MEANWHILE, ABUNDANT COMMENTARY MUCH THE SAME AS YEAR AGO, AS MOST PAPERS COME TO DEFENSE OF STUDENTS, SCOLDING INTRIGUERS WHO COME FROM WITHOUT, PLEADING FOR OPENING UNIV, DEFENDING SANCTITY EDUCATION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. GAND REFORM: FAIRLY HEAVY COMMENT ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY FAVORS REFORM PROGRAM, THOUGH KHANDANIA FELT GOVT SHOULD HAVE STARTED WITH AMINI LANDS OR PERHAPS LANDS OF ROYAL FAMILY. NAQMEH DONYA FAVORED REFORM, BUT PREDICTED GOVT WOULD FAIL SINCE HAD NEITHER TECHNICIANS NOR MATERIALS TO CARRY OUT PROGRAM. FEW PAPERS STILL PROTESTING ACT ILLEGAL. MAJOR DAILY ETELA'AT, IN WHOLE SERIES IN SUPPORT ALSO NOTED THIS LACK. BUT DREW CONCLUSION THIS MEANT GOVT COULD NOT PROCEED TO FAST "FOR MERE POLITICAL ENDS"; IF IT DID "EFFORTS WOULD JUST ADD ANOTHER CHAPTER TO OUR MANY FAILURES." ELSEWHERE ETELA'AT PHILOSOPHIZED ON REFORM, NOTING SUCCESSFUL REFORMS ARE LOFTY END, NEVER SERVE CAUSE OF WORLD REVOLUTION. CHIDED INTELLECTUALS, OTHER PROGRESSIVES FOR "PERSISTENTLY DEMANDING MONOPOLY REFORMS; PROGRESSIVES SHOULD CONSIDER REFORMS, NO MATTER THE SOURCE, AS A STEP FORWARD, WHICH IN LONG RUN PROMOTES THEIR OWN CAUSE."

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KAYHAN NOW HAS REPORTER IN MARAQEH REPORTING LOCAL REACTION.

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S E C R E T. FINAL SECT OF TWO JOINT WEEKA 05.

3. BAKHTIAR EXILE: ONLY PAPER COMMENT WAS GOVT PAGEBOY NUR O ZOLMAT, WHICH BLASTED BAKHTIAR OPPSITION LAND REFORM EXPRESSED ROME, SAID ALL KNOW HOW BAKHTIAR GOT HIS LAND; STATEMENT TESTIFIES TO HIS NARROW-MINDEDNESS AND COLLABRATION WITH OPPRESSIVE FEUDAL LANDLORDS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: MANY IAERS PROBABLY AFRAIDS COMMENT -- AFRAID OF GOVT AND/OR BAKHTIAR & CO. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

4. AMINI GOVT: PRESS ATTITUDE GOVT OBSCURED BY STUDENT ISSUE (SEE ITEM 1). P361AM EMRUZ, HOWEVER, CONTINUED QUIET, POLITE, FIRM OPPOSITION, DEMANDING CONSTITUTIONALITY, ELECTIONS, CLAIMING GOVT HAD ALIENATED MERCHANTS, PEASANTS, LABORERS, STUDENTS, INTELLECTUALS. MELLIYUN SAID AS LONG AS

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ROYAL SUPPORT CONTINUES, WHAT CAN WE DO BUT OBFY? BUT AS YED GOVT
WHETHER IT CAN NAME ANY GROUP POSITIVELY SUPPORTING IT. (U//CLAS)

S COMMENT: MOST OPPOSITION SILENCED. MELLITYUN NOW
APPARENTLY DEAD. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

5. PRESS: GOVT DIRECTED FUNCTIONS CENSORSHIP AND
CONTROL PRESS BE TRANSFERRED FROM SAVAK (INTERNAL SECURITY
ORGN) TO DEPT PUBLICATIONS AND BROADCASTING (DPB), WHICH
UNDER MORE DIRECT CONTROL PM. CENSORSHIP COMMITTEE HAS ONE
REPRESENTATIVES EACH MIN. INTERIOR
MIN EDUC, POLICE DPB,
PROSECUTOR GENERAL. RUMOR SAYS MOVE AIMED REMOVE CENSORSHIP
FROM HANDS OF GENERALS (BAKHTIAR WAS ONE). COMMITTEE BEGAN
BY BANNING TWO ANTI-GOVT PAPERS, ALSO PRO-GOVT SETAREH TEHRAN
FMR PRINTING NATIONAL FRONT STATEMENT. MEANWHILE AT LEAST
SIX MORE SHEETS DIED FROM LACK OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT. (WEEK 2).
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COMMENT: ON JANUARY 8 AMINI HAD SENT LETTER TO NATIONAL
PRESS ASSN. COMPLAINING PRESS INFILTRATED BY INCOMPETENT,
AMORAL OR IMMORAL, EVEN CRIMINAL ELEMENTS, CITING EDITORIALS
TO SUPPORT CASE, AS KING PRESS TO "PURGE ITSELF." BOARD OF
NPA REPLIED GOVT COULD DO THIS ITSELF UNDER PRESS LAW, WHILE
NPA HAD NO SUCH EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY; IF GOVT DID SO IN STRICT
ACCORDANCE WIT LAW, NPA WOULD SUPPORT. SEVERAL EDITORS, INCLUDING
BANSIAD, KHANDANIKA PLEDGED SIMIPAR SUPPORT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

6. OAS & CUBA: THIS ONLY FON STORY WHICH MANAGED
PENETRATE ANY EXTENT, BUT NO COMMENT EXCEPT FROM POST TEHRAN

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WHICH, IS IS WONT, WALKED ALL AROUND ISSUE WITHOUT SAYING
ANYTHING. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

1. RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN/PEKING: RM SPENT
MOST OF WEEKS ATTACKING PRIMUN AMINI AND "RULING AUTHORITIES"
FOR SUPPRESSION STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS, BUZ DID NOT ATTACK
SHAH FOR FIRST TIME IN MANY MONTHS. QUOTED AMINI AS SAYING
HE WILL IMPRISON DISORDERLY PERSONS AND, IF PRESENT PRISONS
INSUFFICIENT, WILL BUILD NEW ONES. AGAIN CITED SALISBURY
ARTICLE ON IJAN RE POWER OF TEHRAN UNIV STUDENTS, SAYING TOO
STRONG FOR GENDARMES TO CONTROL. SAID DEMONSTRATIONS SHOW
PEOPLE'S DEEP DISSATISFACTION WITH PRESENT ORDER. SCOFFED AT
AUTHORITIES' CLAIM DISORDERS COMMUNIST-INSPIRED, "AS THEY HAVE
EVER SAID ON SUCH OCCASIONS;" AND SAID NEWSPAPERS ETTELA'AT,
YAVHAN, TEHRAN JOURNAL DUTIFULLY FOLLOWED ORDERS TO ATTACK
USSR AND ITS EMBASSY; DECLARED AUTHORITIES WELL AWARE SOVIET
POLICY NON-INTERFERENCE IN AFFAIRS OTHER COUNTRIES. 8

NVI SUPPORTED STUDENTS. SAID "TRAITOR AMINI" DOES NOT
REALLY DESIRE BE REFORMIST; CALLED FOR DESTRUCTION HIS
REACTIONARY GOVT AND ROYAL COURT.

PEYK-E IRAN SAID STUDENTS REVOLTING AGAINST CRUELTY OF
SHAH'S REGIME, MADE UP OF HIGH-LIVING PLUNDERERS; CALLED
FOR DEATH OF "TRAITOR SHAH," OVERTHROW OF "ILLEGAL GOVT" OF
AMINI. DENIED SOVIET EMB PROVOKED DEMONSTRATIONS; SAID FIRST
AND FOREMOST INTERFERENCE IN IRAN'S AFFAIRS COMES FROM

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AMERICAN EMBASSY. SAID TUDEH PARTY WOULD SUPPORT GENUINE
LAND REFORM, BUH GOVT'S PROGRAM BENEFITS FEUDALISTS; ADDED
PEASANTS SHOULD NOT PAY ONE PENNY FOR LANDS, AND LANDLORDS
SHOULD NOT KEEP EVEN ONE VILLAGE.

PEKING, IN FIRST FARSI COMMENT ON IRAN IN TWO MONTHS'
MONITORING, ATTACKED AMINI GOVT IN THREE BROADCASTS FOR
"BRUTAL" TREATMENT DEMONSTRATORS; SUPPORTED STUDENTS AND
NATIONAL FRONT, AND REPORTED SYMPATHY DEMONSTRATIONS BY
STUDENTS IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING TURKEY AND US.
BROADCAST TELEGRAM OF SUPPORT FROM ALL-CHINA STUDENTS' UNI
TO IRANIAN STUDENTS FEDERATION OF UNIV TEHRAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

III. MILITARY

A. ARMY

1. 37TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION: 37TH FA BN
RETURNED TO PARENT ORGANIZATION, 10TH INFANTRY DIVISION,
AT SHIRAZ, AFTER COMPLETING TRAINING AT ARTILLERY CENTER,
ISFAHAN. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. SHIRAZ TROOPS PATROL CITY: ALL SHIRAZ TROOPS
WERE TAKEN OFF REGULAR FIELD TRAINING ONE WEEK DUE "MUMPS
EPIDEMIC."

COMMENT: ACTUAL REASON WAS TO PATROL SHIRAZ DUE
STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

B. NAVY - NEGATIVE.

C. AIR FORCE - NEGATIVE.

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. CABINET ENDORSES THIRD PLAN: CABINET PASSED DECREE
FEB 3 ENDORSING BASIC PROVISIONS THIRD PLAN AND INSTRUCTING PLAN
ORGANIZATION PREPARE DETAILED LAW. (UNCLASSIFIED)
COMMENT: ONE STEP FURTHER IN DELICATE TASK SECURING BINDING
GOVERNMENT-WIDE AGREEMENT ON PLAN. FOLLOWS LAST MONTH'S DETAILED
REVIEW WITH INDIVIDUAL MINISTERS. (WEEKA 1) (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL AIRLINE: CABINET ON JAN 20
DECREE ESTABLISHMENT NATIONAL IRANIAN AIRLINE COMPANY WITH
EXCLUSIVE FLIGHT RIGHTS AS IRANIAN FLAG CARRIER. COMPANY
CAPITALIZED AT \$6.7 MILLION WITH MINIMUM 51 PERCENT TO BE HELD

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BY GOVT, OFFER OF 20 PERCENT TO SHAREHOLDERS IRAN AIR AND 20 PERCENT TO SHAREHOLDERS PERSIAN AIR SERVICES. REMAINING 9 PERCENT PRESUMABLY TO BE OFFERED FOREIGN AIRLINE INTERESTED IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP WITH NEW COMPANY. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: CABINET ACTION CULMINATION OF LONG AND COMPLICATED HISTORY OF ATTEMPTS TO FORM NATIONAL AIRLINE THROUGH MERGER TWO EXISTING AIRLINES. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTION NOW STALLED BY IRAN AIR'S QUESTIONING OF LEGAL BASIS. OUTCOME STILL IN DOUBT (SEE EMBDES 366). (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. LAND REFORM: AMCONSUL TABRIZ REPORTS PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING NEWLY-AMENDED LAND REFORM LAW WELL UNDERWAY AT MARAQEH, AS CENSUS TAKERS, EXTENSION AGENTS, AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE OFFICIALS AND VARIOUS TECHNICAL EXPERTS UNDERTAKE VISITS TO 170 VILLAGES IN AREA. LANDOWNERS HAVE FOLLOWED POLICY OF PUBLICLY AGREEING ABIDE BY LAW WHILE PRIVATELY OPPOSING IT AND HINTING THAT NEW MEASURE IS REALLY NO LAW BECAUSE MAJLIS APPROVAL NOT OBTAINED.

OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE PROBLEMS SUCH AS INEVITABLE INITIAL DROP IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, DIFFICULTY INSURING VOLUNTARY DECLARATION HOLDINGS BY PRESENT OWNERS, OPPORTUNITIES FOR CORRUPTION PRESENTED BY FLSQYY-FORMED COOPERATIVES, SHARING OF WATER, DRAFT ANIMALS AND PASTURE, AND DIFFICULTY OBTAINING COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO FARMERS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: CONSULATE CONCLUDES THAT ACTIVITY TO DATE IS REMARKABLE IN VIEW OF BACKGROUND UNFULFILLED PROMISES IN REGARD LAND REFORM,

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AND SEEMS DEMONSTRATE AMINI GOVT "MEANS BUSINESS." (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. ATTORNEY GENERAL'S VISIT CANCELED: ATTY GEN
KENNEDY'S SCHEDULED VISIT TEHRAN FEB 19 CANCELED. PRESS RELEASE
ANNOUNCED ATTY GENL OBLIGED FORGO STOPOVER IRAN DUE COMPLEX
SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND DECISION LENGTHEN STAY THAT
AREA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: AS EXPECTED, CANCELLATION AROUSED CONSIDERABLE
SPECULATION, LITTLE OF WHICH ACCEPTS ANNOUNCED EXPLANATION.
UNOFFICIAL REACTION SOME GOVT QUARTERS REFLECTED BELIEF U.S.
DISPLEASED WITH GOI IN SOME WAY NOT YET CLEAR. NATIONAL FRONT
REJOICED, IN BELIEF CANCELLATION CONSTITUTED AFFRONT TO AMINI
GOVT. CONTRARY VIEW SUGGESTED VISIT CANCELED TO AVOID

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PAGE FOUR RUQPWA 09

OVER-IDENTIFICATION USG WITH AMINI AND DESIRE AVOID
PREJUDICING LATTER'S LOCAL POSITION. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

B. EXTERNAL

1. IRAN-USSR: ON FEB 3 FON MIN INFORMED SOV AMB
PEGOV IRAN GOV PREPARED GIVE HIM NOTE ALONG LINES STATED BY
SHAH, AFFIRMING NO FOREIGN MISSILE BASES WOULD BE ALLOWED ON
IRANIAN SOIL (WEEKA 4). PEGOV INDICATED THIS INADEQUATE AS
IT DID NOT DEAL WITH NONAGGRESSION AND WAS NOT BILATERAL.
FON MIN REPLIED THAT NOTE CONFIRMED WHAT SHAH HAD SAID HE
WILLING TO DO AND IRAN COULD GO NO FURTHER. POINTED OUT
NONAGGRESSION COMMITMENTS ALREADY CONTAINED IN UN CHARTER AND
BILATERAL WAS UNNECESSARY, SINCE IRAN DESIRED MAKE THIS
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UNILATERAL GESTURE AS EXPRESSION OF SINCERITY AND GOODWILL AND, WAS NOT ASKING FOR ANYTHING IN RETURN. PEGOV SAID HE WOULD REFER MATTER TO MOSCOW.

NO MENTION OF ALLEGED SOV INVOLVEMENT IN JAN 25 UNIV DISTURBANCES (WEEKA 5). (SECRET)

2. IRAN-AFGHAN TRANSIT AGREEMENT: AGREEMENT SIGNED FEB 1, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. IRAN UNDERTAKES PROVIDE, TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, WAREHOUSING FOR TRANSIT GOODS TO AND FROM AFGHANISTAN; ALSO STATIONING AFGHAN OFFICIALS AT IRANIAN TERMINALS. RECIPROCITY PROVISION FOR STATIONING IRANIAN OFFICIALS AFGHANISTAN ALSO INCLUDED BUT NOT EXPECTED BE IMPLEMENTED IN NEAR FUTURE. IRANIAN RAIL RATES REPORTEDLY REDUCED 20 - 30 PERCENT. AGREEMENT VALID FIVE YEARS WITH PROVISION FOR AUTOMATIC RENEWAL. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: AGREEMENT PROVIDES AFGHANS WITH ALTERNATIVE TO SOVIET, PAKISTAN ROUTES. BENEFITS TO IRAN DEPEND ON FREIGHT TONNAGE, WHICH AFGHANS ESTIMATE AT 300,000 TONS ANNUALLY, WITH RESULTANT ANNUAL REVENUE TO IRAN ABOUT \$12-MILLION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL**A. PRESS**

1. CUBA - PUNTA DEL ESTE: THIS A TOP NEWS STORY; SOME STORIES (PICKED UP FROM LE MONDE, L'EXPRESS) UNFAVORABLE U.S. POSITION. COMMENT SCANT. POST TEHRAN SAID EXCLUSION WOULD ACCOMPLISH NOTHING EXCEPT DRIVE CUBA FURTHER INTO ARMS OF

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SOVIET BLOC. SETAREH ESLAM SAYS THIS MISTAKE AS STUPID AS
EARLIER ONE WHEREBY U.S. OPPRESSED CUBA, DROVE ITS PEOPLE TO
REVOLUTION, INSTEAD OF TAKING POSITIVE STEPS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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SECRET. FINAL SECT OF TWO JOINT WEEKA 06.

2. AMINI GOVT: LIGHT COMMENT SMALL PAPERS ALMOST
ENTIRELY PRO. NO MENTION ELECTIONS. USUALLY SOUR DIPLOMAT
NOTED GOVT WON OUT AT UNIVERSITY, IS NOT UNCONSTITUTIONAL,
ACCUSATIONS AGAINST IT PROVED FALSE, PRESS OPPOSITION
DISAPPEARED, GOVT HAS CLEAR ROAD AHEAD. (UNCLASSIFIED)
COMMENT: PAPERS NORMALLY OPPOSED COMMENTED OTHER ISSUES OR
NOT AT ALL. A NUMBER OF THESE HAVE EITHER CEASED PUBLISHING
OR BEEN SUSPENDED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. LAND REFORM: CONSIDERABLE COMMENT MOSTLY SMALL PAPERS,
PAGE TWO RUQPWA 10
ALL PRO-ETTELAAT GAVE FURTHER STRONG SUPPORT, NOTING NO EFFECTIVE
REFORM PROGRAM POSSIBLE WITHOUT ABOLITION FEUDAL ORDER. ETTEHAD
MELLI ASKED WHY ONLY LANDLORDS, WHY NOT DISTRIBUTE WEALTH

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OF REST OF RICH THROUGH STEADILY GRADUATED INCOME TAX, AS
IN US, UK? NORMALLY US-BAITING DIPLOMAT NOTED US "FOR PROTECTION
ITS OWN INTERESTS" HAD TO OPPOSE COMMUNISM HAD BEGUN FIGHTING
FEUDALISM IN BACKWARD COUNTRIES, OPINED US PAYING MORE
ATTENTION TO IRAN, WOULD SURELY EXTEND NEEDED AID. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS : UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENTS
STILL TOP NEWS STORY. CONTINUED MEDIUM HEAVY COMMENT SMALL
PAPERS ONLY MOSTLY CONDEMNING EXTERNAL ELEMENTS, USUALLY
LABELLED COMMUNIST, WHICH MISLED STUDENTS. BUT TEHRAN MOYSAVAR
SAID BOTH GOVT AND UNIV TO BLAME FOR NOT SATISFYING LEGITIMATE
STUDENT COMPLAINTS; COMMUNISTS MERELY CAPITALIZED ON BAD
SITUATION. BAMSHAD LAID BLAME ON UNQUALIFIED TEACHERS.
KHANDANIHA SAID NO POINT IN OBSCURING ISSUE, DEMONSTRATIONS
WERE SIMPLE EXPRESSION OF HATRED OF GOVT WHICH DOES NOT
REPRESENT THE PEOPLE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. PRESS : MEETINGS NEW CENSORSHIP COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
IN DEPT PUBLICATIONS AND BROADCASTING (WEEKEND) BEING ATTENDED
PAGE THREE RUQPWA 10

ONLY BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM DPB, MIN INTERIOR, POLICE, SAVAK.
REPS FROM MIN EDUC, PROSECUTOR GENERAL (IF ANY) NOT SHOWING UP.
PRESS "REPRESENTED" BY EDITOR PRO-GOVT SETAREH TEHRAN WHO SENT
BY PRI MIN. THOUGH SAVAK PRESENT, CONTRARY PREVIOUS REPORTS,
RELIABLE SOURCES SAY DPB HAS BEEN ELEMENT MAKING ACTUAL DECISIONS,
WHICH EXECUTED BY POLICE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

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1. RADIO MOSCOW/PEYK-E IRAN/ SEDAYE AZAD-E IRAN:

RM ATTACKED GOVT LAND REFORM PROGRAM. PRAISED FIDEL CASTRO'S LAND REF AND "EDUCATIONAL REVOLUTION," SAYING CUBAN SITUATION WAS BAD AS IRANIAN UNTIL REVOLUTION ENDED DOMINATION AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS; SUGGESTED IRANIANS HEED CUBAN "LESSON." CONTINUED CALL FOR FRIENDLY IRANO-SOVIET RELATIONS, INCREASED COMMERCE; CONTINUED ATTACK US FIRMS IN IRAN, CONCENTRATING ON KHUZESTAN AND DEZ DAM, SAYING DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION DAM "LONG AGO EXPECTED."

PEYK-E IRAN CONTINUED VIOLENT LINE, CALLING FOR "DEATH TO TRAITOR SHAH," FORCEFUL OVERTHROW OF GOVT. SAID ROBERT KENNEDY TEHRAN VISIT CANCELED NOT BECAUSE OF "LARGE AMOUNT OF WORK" IN FAR EAST AS STATED, BUT BECAUSE KENNEDY WANTED STAY CLEAR OF PAGE FOUR RUQWA QP IRAN DURING TIME WHEN NATIONAL FRONT LEADERS AND HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS IMPRISONED; CLAIMED JOHN BOWLING VISIT WAS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS IRAN; SAID LARGE NUMBER VISITORS WHO SAW BOWLING TO DISCUSS POLITICAL AFFAIRS "ASTONISHED EVERYBODY." SAID SAVAK REALLY BRANCH OF CIA, ALTHOUGH OBTINENTLY CONTROLLED BY IRANIAN OFFICERS. CONTINUED SUPPORT STUDENTS, ATTACKED AMINI'S PREPARATION OF "BLACK LIST" OF STUDENTS NOT TO BE PERMITTED REENTER UNIV TEHRAN.

SEDAYE AZAD-E IRAN ("FREE VOICE OF IRAN"), NEW CLANDESTINE STATION-FIRST MONITORED FEB 7, BROADCASTS KURDISH-ACCENTED PERSIAN-LANGUAGE ATTACKS ON SHAH AND GOVT SIMILAR IN TONE TO PEYK-E IRAN. COMMENTS, INTERSPERSED WITH MUSIC AND TRADITIONAL

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POETRY, CALLED FOR DEATH TO "TRAITOR SHAH," OVERTHROW OF NATION-SELLERS WHO SURROUND HIM. RAMAZAN COMMENTARY CALLED FOR HOLY WAR AGAINST CORRUPTION, QUOTING PROPHET MOHAMMAD'S INJUNCTION REQUIRING HARSH TREATMENT OF THIEVES, CORRUPT PERSONS; SAID SHAH AND SUPPORTING ELEMENTS ARE AMONG THOSE REFERRED TO, ARE CORRUPT AND "AGAINST GOD." (UNCLASSIFIED)

III. MILITARY**A. ARMY**

PAGE FIVE RUQPWA 10

1. RETIREMENTS: MAJ GEN ABDOL RAHIM VARZEGAR, CV 2ND INF DIVN RETIRED. RUMORS INDICATE APPROXIMATELY 20 GENERAL OFFICERS ARE SCHEDULED FOR RETIREMENT IN NEAR FUTURE. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)
COMMENT: VARZEGAR'S RETIREMENT WAS SUDDEN, UNEXPECTED, AND REMAINS UNEXPLAINED BY IIA. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. REASSIGNMENTS: BRIV GEN RASHID NADERKHANI, DEPUTY CG II CORPS, ASSIGNED CG 10TH INF DIV VICE BRIG GEN ES KANDAR AZMUDAH WHO REASSIGNED AS CG 2ND INF DIV VICE MAJ GEN VARZEGAR, RETIRED. BRIG GEN ABBAS GHAZIRAD, 1ST DEPUTY AG GROUND FORCES TO DEPUTY, ARMED FORCES SUPPLY AND PROCUREMENT OFFICE; BRIG GEN ABBAS KHOSHNEVIS RAD, DEPUTY CHIEF, PERSONNEL SCS, J-1, TO DEPUTY IG, MINISTRY OF WAR. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

3. YOUTH HEALTH ORGANIZATION: MAJ GEN ABBAS IZAD-PANAH (RET.) APPOINTED NEW PRESIDENT OF YOUTH HEALTH ORGANIZATION VICE GENERAL HASSAN AMIDIN RETIRED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: GEN IZAD-PANAH PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS PRESIDENT FROM

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. BOWLES VISIT: DURING 4 DAY VISIT PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR CHESTER BOWLES MET WITH SHAH, PRIMIN AMINI, FONMIN, MINAG ARSANJANI AND PLAN ORG OFFICIALS; VISITED VARAMIN AGRICULTURAL AREA NEAR TEHRAN AND MADE OVERNIGHT TRIP TO BANDAR ABBAS, WHERE SIGNIFICANT PERSIAN GULF PORT AND AREA DEVELOPMENT IS PLANNED.

IN DEPARTURE STATEMENT AMB BOWLES PRAISED IRAN'S THIRD PLAN AS BOLD AND THOROUGHLY INTEGRATED CONCEPT "WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON NEEDS OF RURAL AREAS, WHICH IS WHERE I BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE," AND EXPRESSED PARTICULAR SATISFACTION WITH GOI PLANS FOR EXTENSIVE LAND REFORM, WHICH "BASIC NOT ONLY TO ECONOMIC GROWTH BUT ALSO TO SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INDIVIDUAL HUMAN DIGNITY ON WHICH EVERY FREE SOCIETY DEPENDS." (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: TIMELY ARRIVAL OF PRESIDENT'S WELL-KNOWN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TOOK STING OUT OF CANCELLATION ATTORNEY GENERAL'S VISIT. (WEEKA 6) (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. LAND REFORM: CABINET DECREE FEBRUARY 10 ESTABLISHED MARAQEH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WITH FULL POWERS IMPLEMENT PILOT PROJECT MARAQEH DISTRICT AZERBAIJAN. PAST WEEK MARKED BY NUMEROUS STATEMENTS PRIMIN AND MIN AGRICULTURE THREATENING HARSH TREATMENT LANDLORDS ATTACKED LAW IN STRONG TERMS AND WERE ANSWERED BY EQUALLY STRONG DEFENSE FROM PRIMIN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: HEAT INCREASING AS FEB 23 DEADLINE FOR MARAQEH LANDLORDS OWNERSHIP STATEMENT APPROACHES. CABINET-LEVEL HANDLING ISSUE SEEMS DESIGNED IMPRESS LANDLORDS AND PUBLIC WITH GOVT'S DETERMINATION CARRY THROUGH DESPITE ALL OBSTACLES. (UNCLAS)

3/ AYATOLLAH BEHBEHANI'S TELEGRAM TO SHAH: MOHAMAD AYATOLLAH BEHBEHANI, TEHRAN'S MOST POLITICALLY INFLUENTIAL SHIITE CLERIC, SENT STRONGLY WORDED TELEGRAM TO SHAH FEB 9, DEMANDING SHAH DISCLAIM RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECENT "ATROCITIES" AT UNIVERSITY AND REQUESTING THAT MAJLIS ELECTIONS BE STARTED FORTHWITH. TELEGRAM REPORTEDLY

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INFURIATED SHAH, WHO REJECTED IT AND REFUSED ALLOW ITS PUBLICATION IN PRESS; IT WAS, HOWEVER, WIDELY DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT TEHRAN AND PROVINCIAL CITIES IN MIMEOGRAPHED FORM.

REPORTEDLY DRAFTED AT MEETING ATTENDED BY NATIONAL FRONT LEADER ALAYAR SALEH AND PROMINENT CONSERVATIVE FIGURES, TELEGRAM WAS CLEARLY EFFORT TO PUT PRESSURE ON AMINI GOVT BY KEEPING ELECTION ISSUE ALIVE. WHILE PRESENCE SALEH TENDED IDENTIFY ALL OPPOSITION GROUPS WITH THIS EFFORT, EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE NF INTENDS FORMALLY JOIN FORCES WITH CONSERVATIVES. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: GOVT HAS ALWAYS TENDED VIEW POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF RELIGIOUS ELEMENTS WITH SUSPICION. LARGEY BECAUSE OF THEIR POWER OVER ILLITERATE MASSES. SHAH'S REJECTION OF TELEGRAM IS AUSPICIOUS SIGN THAT HE MAY BE PREPARED TO RESIST THIS TYPE OF PRESSURE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. EXTERNAL

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1. IRAN-USSR: SOV AMB PEGOV HAS PRESENTED SHAH WITH DRAFT OF FORMAL BILATERAL AGREEMENT WHICH AFFIRMS WILLINGNESS BOTH GOVTS STRENGTHEN AND DEVELOP NEIGHBORING RELATIONS AND NOTES DETERMINATION PROCLAIMED BY GOI NOT TO PERMIT IRANIAN TERRITORY BE USED FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST USSR; AND PROPOSES PROTOCOL WHEREBY; (1) GOI WOULD NOT PERMIT FOREIGN MISSILE BASES ON IRAN TERRITORY BUT WOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED IN REGARD TO WEAPONS UNDER OWN CONTROL AND SUPERVISION; (2) USSR WOULD UNDERTAKE SAME COMMITMENTS ON BASIS RECIPROCAL TREATMENT. SHAH REJECTED PROPOSAL AND ACCORDING TO FONMIN MADE

COMMENT: PROPOSED BILATERAL WOULD BE DANGEROUS AND UNPRODUCTIVE. NEXT STEP CONTEMPLATED BY FONMIN IS TO CALL IN PEGOV AND REFER TO OWN PREVIOUS CONVERSATION WITH LATTER (WEEKA 6) IN WHICH UNILATERAL STATEMENT WAS PROFFERED, AND THEN TO HAND PEGOV UNSIGNED DRAFT OF LATTER AND STATE AGAIN THAT THIS IS FAR AS GOI IS PREPARED TO GO. (SECRET)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

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1. BOWLES VISIT: EXCELLENT NEWS COVERAGE. GREETED BY PRESS AS "JFK'S POLITICAL BRAIN," "BIG POLICY MAKER," "TOWERING PERSONALITY," "BROADMINDED LIBERAL." HIS COMMENTS FAVORABLE LAND REFORM PROMPTLY PICKED UP MOST PAPERS. PAPERS COMMENTING SPECULATED, AS EXPECTED, THAT VISIT WAS PRELUDE TO GREATER AID EFFORTS, SPECIFICALLY TO ASSIST LAND REFORM, AREA DEVELOPMENT BANDAR ABBAS. SOME

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PAPERS POINTED TO IRAN-SOVIET BORDER, ADMONISHED BOWLES
STAUNCH ALLY IRAN DESERVED EVERY PENNY SHE GOT FM USA. (UNCLAS)

2. LAND REFORM: THIS STILL BY ALL ODDS TOP NEWS
STORY. HEAVY COMMENT THIS WEEK ALL SMALL PAPERS, STILL
ALL FAVORABLE. PEYQAM EMRUZ TOOK EXCEPTION PM'S
CONCILIATORY STATEMENT TO LANDLORDS THEY INAPPROPRIATELY
CALLED FUEDAL; AFTER LENGTHY ANALYSIS INSISTED DESPITE
CERTAIN TECHNICALITIES IRAN'S LAND SYSTEM DEFINETELY

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FUEDAL. SEVERAL PAPERS QUICKLY PICKED UP AND STRESSED
BOWLES' PRAISE LAND REFORM.

COMMENT: THIS ISSUE HAS CONSISTENTLY ELICITED MORE
INTEREST, SUPPORT THAN ANY OTHER ACT NEW GOVT, EVEN ANTI-
CORRUPTION. THOUGH PUBLIC SKEPTICAL ABOUT BOTH, APPARENTLY
SENSES THIS TIME CHIPS ARE REALLY DOWN. (UNCLAS)

3. PRESS CENSORSHIP: CHIEF DEPT PRESS AND
PUBLICATIONS FEB 3 SUMMONED EXEC BOARD NATL PRESS ASSN
TO OFFICE, LECTURED THEM ON "PRESS IRRESPONSIBILITY...",
WHICH GOVT CANNOT TOLERATE" IN THESE PERILOUS TIMES.
SPECIFICALLY NOTED HE SPEAKING AT REQUEST OF SHAH, NOT PRIMIN.
SAID PRESENT CENSORSHIP WOULD REMAIN TILL MARCH 21, WHEN
NEW PRESS LAW WOULD BE ISSUED. (WEEKA 5-6)(UNCLAS)

4. STUDENT SITUATION: STILL CONSIDERABLE SMALL
PAPER COMMENT; THIS WEEK SEVERAL CHIDE BOTH STUDENTS AND
PROFESSORS AS BEING NOT WITHOUT FAULT, BAMSAD AGAIN
ACCUSING LATTER OF IGNORANCE, INCOMPETENCE. SETAREH
ESLAM FLATLY CONDEMNED SENDING PARATROOPS IN TO QUELL
DEMONSTRATION. (UNCLAS)

5. SUMMIT MEETING: THREE SMALL PAPERS OPPOSE
KHRUSHCHEV SUGGESTION, SAYING IT WOULD BE USELESS WITHOUT
PREPARING SUITABLE GROUND. (UNCLAS)

6. CUBA: ONE SMALL PAPER SAID ALTHOUGH MAJORITY
VOTED FOR EXCLUSION, THE THREE BIGGEST DID NOT. SAID
EXCLUSION WILL NOT HURT CUBA ECONOMICALLY, ONLY DRIVE IT
FURTHER INTO BLOC. (UNCLAS)

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7. FRANCE ALGERIA: HIGH NEWS COVERAGE, SCARE HEADLINES. MAJOR DAILY ETTELA"AT DEVOTED SERIES FOUR EDITS TO DE GAULLE'S PROBLEM; PAPER CONDEMNED OAS, ADMONISHED LEFTISTS CRUSHING OF OAS TO THEIR ADVANTAGE CONCLUDED LAULLE SUCCEEDS...FUTURE OF FRANCE IN NATO AND EEC NO LONGER IN DOUBT." (UNCLAS)

B. RADIO

1. RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN/SEYDAYE AZAD-E IRAN: RM CONCENTRATED ON BROADCASTS CALLING FOR NEUTRALIST POLICY AND END OF EXPENSIVE MILITARIZATION; DID NOT MENTION SHAH WHILE BLAMING "RULING CLASS" FOR PRESENT POLICY. CLAIMED SHAH TOLD US AMBASSADOR HE PLANNED REPLACE AMINI WITH GEN BAKHTIAR BUT RETAINED AMINI AFTER AMB THREATENED STOP US FINANCIAL AID; SAID BAKHTIAR IS BRITISH CANDIDATE FOR PRIMIN. CONTINUED CALL FOR CLOSE IRANO-SOVIET ECONOMIC RELATION.

NVI DECRIED SUPPRESSION STUDENTS BY ROYAL COURT, AMINI, SAVAK, AND STAFFS OF US AND BRITISH EMBASSIES." SAID LAND REFORM IMPOSSIBLE WHILE GOVT IN HANDS FUEDALISTS LIKE SHAH, AXGNI, ZOLFAQARI, ALAM.

PEYKE-E IRAN ECHOED NVI ON IMPOSSIBILITY LAND REFORM; AGREED WITH ARSANJANI THAT LANDOWNERS WILL DOMINATE ANY MAJOR LIST UNTIL LAND REFORM ACCOMPLISHED, ADDING THAT PRESENT GOVT ALSO IN LARGE LANDOWNERS, CAPITALISTS. CALLED ON IRANIAN SOLDIERS RESCUE IRAN FROM PRESENT SITUATION.

SEDAYE AZAD-E IRAN (WEEKA 6) IN ALL BROADCASTS CONCENTRATED ON DIRECT VIOLENT ATTACKS AGAINST SHAH, OCCASIONALLY RESORTING OBSCENE LANGUAGE TO DESCRIBE SHAH AND WHAT IS SAID SHOULD BE DONE WITH HIM. CALLED FOR HOLY WAR AGAINST "INFIDEL" SHAH AND RULING CLASS AND CUTTING OFF OF HEADS. SAID CRUEL SHAH REFUSED EVEN ALLOW FAMILIES OF MARTYRED STUDENTS KNOW WHERE BODIES BURIED. CLAIMED BOWLES PLAN TO OVERTHROW AMINI, SAID US GOVT FEARED NATIONALIST FORCES MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DISCORD AND OVERTHROW BOTH SHAH AND AMINI. CLAIMED MANY MEMBERS IMPERIAL GUARDS RECENTLY ARRESTED WHEN ANTI-SHAH LEAFLETS FOUND ON PALACE WALLS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

III. MILITARY

A. ARMY

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1. ARMY EXEMPTION: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
CLASSIFIED AS SURPLUS CONSCRIPTS WILL BE GRANTED EXEMPTIONS
ON PAYMENT 5,000 RIALS. 10,000 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AFFECTED,
RESULTING 50 MILLION RIAL (\$658,000) INCREASE IN CONSCRIPTION
DEPARTMENT FUNDS. (UNCLAS)

COMMENT: SURPLUS GRADUATED DETERMINED BY DRAWING LOTS. (UNCLAS)

2. REASSIGNMENTS: GEN AHMAD SHIRIN SOKHAN, STAFF
COLLEGE TO AG, GF. GEN DAVUD SHARAREH, STAFF COLLEGE TO
G-4, GF. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: THESE OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO FACULTY SINCE 1951. (OFLUSE)

3. VARZEGAR RETIREMENT: (SEE PAR 3A(2) WEEKA 6) WHILE FOLLOWING
NOT CONFIRMED, IS IS BELIEVED THAT MAJ GEN VARZEGAR WAS RELIEVED
OF COMMAND 2ND DIV IN TABRIZ FOR BEING TOO REFORMIST-MINDED. SEVERAL
OF IRANIAN SOURCES HAVE INDICATED RELEIF WAS DUE LEFTIST TENDENCIES, AND
ONE HAS STATED HE COULD BE PATHETIC WITH PEOPLE SUFFERING POOR
ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN TABRIZ AREA.

COMMENT: ARMA HAS OBSERVED THAT VARZEGAR IS INTERESTED IN IMPROV-
ING CONDITIONS IN AREA AND HAS TAKEN RATHER STRONG ACTION AT TIMES TO
CURB CORRUPTION WITHIN HIS DIV. IT LIKELY HE STEPPED ON A FEW
INFLUENTIAL TOES WHICH RESULTED IN HIS BEING RELIEVED. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. NAVY -NEGATIVE.

C. AIR FORCE -NEGATIVE.
SGD HOLMES

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S E C R E T JOINT WEEKA 8.

I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. LAND REFORM: MIN AGRICULTURE ARSANJANI ANNOUNCED AZERBAIJAN LAND REFORM PILOT PROJECT EXTENDED TO HASHTARUD AND SHAHIN-DEJ AREAS, EACH ROUGHLY SAME SIZE AS ORIGINAL MARAQEH PROJECT. CABINET FEB 17 PASSED FINANCIAL DECREE PROVIDING BUDGET APPROPRIATION 2 BILLION RIALS (\$26.7 MILLION) IN 1341 (YEAR BEGINNING MARCH 21) TO FINANCE FIRST INSTALLMENT LANDLORD COMPENSATION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: MANAGER AGRICULTURAL BANK ESTIMATES LAND DISTRIBUTION FEASIBLE IN COMING YEAR WOULD REQUIRE MAXIMUM 100 MILLION RIALS (\$1.3 MILLION) BUDGETARY FUNDS FOR LANDLORD COMPENSATION; SAYS ARSANJANI INSISTED ON EXAGGERATED FIGURE CHIEFLY AS PROPAGANDA DEVICE TO SUGGEST FASTER PACE THAN IS POSSIBLE. (SEE EMBDES 387.) (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. AID LOANS TO PLAN ORG: NEW US AID LOAN AGREEMENTS TOTALLING \$20 MILLION FOR REMAINDER SECOND PLAN PERIOD SIGNED TEHRAN FEB 20. \$14 MILLION IS GENERAL PROJECT LOAN AND \$6 MILLION EARMARKED AS ADDITIONAL FINANCING ROAD PROJECTS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: NEW LOANS DECIDED LAST OCTOBER AND UNDER NEGOTIATION SINCE THAT TIME. FUNDS ESSENTIAL AS PARTIALE COVER FINANCING GAP SECOND PLAN WHICH ENDS NEXT SEPT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

B. EXTERNAL

1. PRIMIN VISITS EUROPE: PRIMIN AMINI DEPARTED TEHRAN FEB 21 TO VISIT BONN, PARIS, BRUSSELS AND LONDON.

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PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO ENLIST SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED THIRD PLAN FINANCING CONSORTIUM, REACH AGREEMENT ON REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS TO EUROPEAN PRIVATE CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS, AND PLEAD FOR TARIFF CONCESSIONS FOR IRANIAN EXPORTS TO EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET. EARLIER PLANS INCLUDE ITALY CANCELLED DUE RESIGNATION FANFANI GOVT AND VIRTUAL CERTAINTY ECONOMIC TALKS IN ROME WOULD BE UNPRODUCTIVE AT PRESENT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

AMINI SCHEDULED RETURN ABOUT MAR 10. FONMIN WILL OFFICIATE FOR PRIMIN IN AMINI'S ABSENCE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. IRAN-USSR: FOLLOWING SHAH'S REJECTION OF DRAFT BILATERAL AGREEMENT PRESENTED BY SOV AMB PEGOV (WEEKA 7), LATTER CALLED ON FONMIN WHO REASSERTED BILATERAL OUT OF QUESTION AND OBTAINED PEGOV'S RELUCTANT AGREEMENT REFER TEXT OF DRAFT UNILATERAL IRANIAN STATEMENT TO MOSCOW.

FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH OUR AMB, FONMIN DECIDED AGAINST AMENDING SUBSEQUENT DRAFT OF UNILATERAL STATEMENT TO INCLUDE ASSURANCE THAT IN ORDER "DEMONSTRATE ITS GOODWILL, IRAN ASSURES USSR ITS TERRITORY WOULD NOT BE USED FOR AGGRESSION AGAINST USSR." (SECRET)

COMMENTS: INCLUSION OF SUCH ASSURANCE WOULD CREATE SUPPOSITION FOR SOME REASON DECLARATION OF THIS NATURE WAS REQUIRED AND WOULD PROVIDE SOVS WITH FUTURE OPPORTUNITY SEIZE ON ANY NON-ROUTINE ACTIVITY, HOWEVER INNOCENT, TO DEVELOP ACCUSATIONS IRAN CONSPIRING IN AGGRESSIVE ACTS AGAINST USSR OR PERMITTING PREPARATIONS FOR SAME BE CARRIED OUT ON ITS TERRITORY. (SECRET)

3. FONMIN APPOINTED AMB TO U.S.: AGREEMENT GRANTED FOR APPOINTMENT FONMIN QODS-NAKHAI AS AMB TO U.S., REPLACING SHAH'S SON-IN-LAW ARDESHIR ZAHEDI, WHO IS RUMORED BECOME IRANIAN AMB TO SWITZERLAND. QODS-NAKHAI EXPECTED DEPART FOR WASHINGTON LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL. NEXT FONMIN NOT YET NAMED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. IRANIAN CANDIDACY FOR IAEA BOARD: GOI HAS REQUESTED USG SUPPORT FOR ELECTION IN SEPT TO REPLACE IRAQ ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS, INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. GLENN ORBITAL FLIGHT: EXCELLENT COVERAGE. BOTH DA IN 205898

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MAJOR DAILIES GAVE BANNER HEADLINES, FRONT-PAGE PIX, FULL-PAGE SPREAD ON INSIDE PAGES, OTHER SCATTERED FEATURES. KAYHAN ALSO PRINTED PHOTO OF GAGARIN BEING HAILED BY ATHENS POPULATION. BOTH COMMENTED THAT PRINCIPAL GAIN WAS IN RESTORING BALANCE OF POWER, KAYHAN NOTING GERMANY TWICE STARTED WAR BECAUSE OF ILL-ADVISED FEELING OF SUPERIORITY; "IF BOTH NATIONS CANNOT BE DISARMED, BOTH MUST BE EQUALLY ARMED." PEYQAM EMRUZ PICKED UP SAME THEME BRIEFLY, THEN GLOOMILY NOTED IT ALSO POSSIBLE FLIGHT MERELY CREATED GREATER DANGER OF WAR, SINCE ALL SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES SEEM TO LEAD TO GREATER POTENTIALITIES FOR DESTRUCTION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. BOWLES VISIT: STILL SOME COMMENT, MOSTLY TOUCHING ON AID. PEYQAM EMRUZ, BAMSHAD NOTED VISIT HAD QUIETED RUMORS U.S. SUPPORT FOR GOVT HAD LESSENED. LATTER THANKED BOWLES FOR KIND WORDS RE REFORMS, BUT REMARKED HE REFRAINED FROM SUGGESTING HOW THESE REFORMS TO BE FINANCED AND AVOIDED COMMITMENT ON AID. POST TEHRAN OBVIOUSLY PLEASED BY BOWLES STATEMENT OF PLEASURE AT WITNESSING REBIRTH OF ONE OF GREATEST NATIONS OF ALL TIMES, BUT OPINED IT WOULD WAIT TO SEE TRACTORS, SEED, ETC., FURNISHED BY U.S. BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER THESE JUST PRETTY WORDS. ONE SMALL PAPER BLASTED BOWLES CAIRO STATEMENT THAT AID NOT CONDITIONED ON A COUNTRY'S FOREIGN POLICY, SAID AIDING EGYPT, YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA, OTHER NON-ALLIES A GROSS ERROR OF U.S. WHICH ONLY PAVES ROAD TO COMMUNISM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. CUBA: TWO SMALL PAPERS LAUD U.S. FIRMNESS AGAINST COMMUNISM IN CUBA; ONE NOTES U.S. LACKS SUPPORT SOME ITS ALLIES. WEEKLY SEPID O SIYAH SAID USSR, CHINA IN CONFLICT OVER CUBA; NOTING EXCHANGE OF SPIES, THOUGHT MAYBE U.S. AND USSR MIGHT COMPROMISE ON CUBA. INFLUENTIAL WEEKLY MAGAZINE TEHRAN MOSSAVAR (WHICH TENDS GENERALLY TOWARD YANKEE-BAITING) BLASTED U.S. POLICY AS ERROR. "IT VERY DIFFICULT UNDERSTAND WHY INSTEAD OF SUPPORTING BATISTA U.S. DID NOT SUPPORT CASTRO, THUS PREVENTING HIS COUNTRY FROM TURNING TO COMMUNISTS." (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. ALGERIA: ETTELA'AT, TWO OTHERS, HAILED "FINAL VICTORY" ALGERIAN REBELS, WRESTED FROM POWERFUL NATION THROUGH SHEER WILL POWER. ETTELA'AT PRAISED DE GAULLE AS ONLY FRENCH STATESMAN WHO DARED RECOGNIZE CRUDE REALITY; SETAREH TEHRAN SAID HE HAD BECOME "ONE OF SELECTED FEW IN HISTORY." (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. LAND REFORM: THOUGH THIS STILL TOP SINGLE NEWS STORY, NEWS COVERAGE MORE BALANCED THIS WEEK, MORE

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EMPHASIS OTHER GOVT DOINGS. MEDIUM HEAVY COMMENT CONFINED TO SMALL PAPERS, ALL FAVORING REFORM, SOME ENTHUSIASTICALLY. FREQUENT ADMONITIONS TO GOVT TO FORGE AHEAD DISREGARDING OPPOSITION. ONE SMALL PAPER CLAIMED LAND REFORM BILL SECOND ONLY TO CONSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTION IN HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE. ANOTHER APPLAUSED, BUT WARNED GOVT NOT TO FORGET CORRUPTION AND BRIBERY; THESE BLOOD-SUCKERS JUST AS BAD AS LANDLORDS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. AMINI: DOINGS OF PRIMIN AND HIS GOVT DOMINATED PRESS COVERAGE THIS WEEK. COMMENT CONCENTRATED ON HIS VISIT TO EUROPE, MOSTLY OPTIMISTIC OR HOPEFUL. SEVERAL PAPERS APPLAUSED PRIMIN'S STATEMENT HE "NOT GOING WITH BEGGING BOWL," THOUGH ONE WONDERED WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ASKING FOR HELP, HOPED AMINI WOULD GET EVERYTHING HE ASKED FOR. AS USUAL SEVERAL EDITS NOTED WEST'S STAUNCH ALLY DESERVES ASSISTANCE. PEYQAM EMRUZ COMPLAINED OF UNSOLVED ECONOMIC RECESSION, CHIDED AMINI FOR LOOKING OUTSIDE IRAN FOR ASSISTANCE INSTEAD OF TACKLING PROBLEMS AT HOME. BAMSAD, THOUGH HOPEFUL, SAID TOO MUCH ATTENTION GIVEN SUBJECT OF AID; WHAT HAS AID GIVEN IRAN BUT WEAK ECONOMY? ONLY A STABLE, WELL-ORGANIZED STATE CAN BENEFIT FROM AID. EEN ETTELA'AT COMPLAINED AMINI'S ECONOMIC EFFORTS, THOUGH USEFUL, NOT SUFFICIENTLY FAR-REACHING, SUGGESTED IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION CERTAIN THIRD PLAN PROJECTS TO PRIME ECONOMIC PUMP.

KAYHAN AND MARD MOBAREZ (THE LATTER NORMALLY PRO-GOVT) CALLED ON PRIMIN TO LIFT BAN ON JEHAN AND FREE ITS EDITOR, JAILED AFTER JAN. 21 UNIVERSITY RIOTS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

7. WHEAT AGREEMENT: (WEEKA 5) ONLY COMMENT FROM WEEKLY KHANDANIHA, WHICH GROANED MIGHTILY AT THIS REVELATION OF FAILURE OF PAST PLANS, BUT THANKED "THE YANKEES BECAUSE, HAVING INFILCTED THE WOUND, THEY ARE WILLING TO COME FORWARD WITH THE CURE." (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

1. RADIO MOSCOW/PEYK-E IRAN/FREE VOICE OF IRAN ("SEDAYE AZAD-E IRAN"): RM CONTINUED AVOID ATTACKS ON SHAH. USUAL CALL FOR NEUTRALIST POLICE STRESSED BENEFITS DERIVED BY NEUTRALIST MONARCHY AFGHANISTAN; CLAIMED WHILE OVER 60 PERCENT IRANIAN BUDGET SPENT FOR ARMAMENTS, 62 PERCENT AFGHAN BUDGET DEVOTED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. DEFECTOR MAJOR MORTAZAVI BROADCAST ATTACK ON AMINI LAND REFORM PROGRAM, SAYING LANDLORDS PERMITTED RETAIN THEIR BEST LAND; CLAIMED MARAQEH AREA SELECTED BECAUSE MOST INFLUENTIAL FEUDALISTS' LAND LOCATED ELSEWHERE.

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PEYK-E IRAN SAID MARAQEH LANDLORDS SO FAR SUCCESSFULLY RESISTING LAND REFORM. RECALLED "PEASANTS' UPRISING" IN AZERBAIJAN 16 YEARS AGO, WHEN LAND DISTRIBUTED TO "NEARLY ONE MILLION PEASANTS" WITHOUT CHARGE, IN ONLY THREE MONTHS; SAID SHAH, WHO NOW "PRETENDS" WANT LAND REFORM, AND IMPERIALISTS CRUSHED PEASANTS' MOVEMENT AND RETURNED LAND TO FEUDALISTS. CLAIMED AMINI PERSONALLY VISITING EUROPE BECAUSE FINANCIAL MONOPOLISTS MISTRUST GOVT INSTABILITY, IGNORED LOWER-LEVEL DELEGATIONS; CALLED ON IRANIAN STUDENTS IN EUROPE TO PUBLICIZE "REAL" NATURE AMINI-SHAH REGIME BY PRESS ARTICLES, LETTERS, LEAFLETS, MEETINGS.

FREE VOICE OF IRAN CONTINUED ITS BLOODTHIRSTY, PSEUDO-RELIGIOUS APPROACH, CALLING FOR BEHEADING AND "SENDING TO HELL" OF SHAH AND MEMBERS RULING CLASS "IN ORDER THAT GOD BE SATISFIED WITH US AND GRANT US FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE." SAID SHAH TIRED OF AMINI, DOES NOT HIDE FEAR OF HIM, "ESPECIALLY SINCE BOWLES' VISIT TO IRAN." (UNCLASSIFIED)

III. MILITARY

A. ARMY

1. BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS: CHIEF IRANIAN CIC, INDICATED A PROGRAM PROVIDING FOR COMPLETE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS OF ALL OFFICERS AND NCO'S IN IRANIAN ARMY HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS AND STATED THAT AS OF 20 FEB, THESE INVESTIGATIONS ARE ABOUT 85 PERCENT COMPLETE. TENTATIVE DATE FOR COMPLETION IS SIX MONTHS HENCE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: THERE ARE NO BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS ON CONSCRIPTS, EXCEPT FOR RELATIVELY FEW INDIVIDUALS WITH SUSPECT RECORDS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. NAVY-NEGATIVE

C. AIR FORCE-NEGATIVE

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. LAND REFORM DEVELOPMENTS: FIRST DISTRIBUTION

MARAQEH SCHEDULED MID-MARCH WITH SHAH OFFICIATING. IIA

SURVEYORS AND ENGINEERS REPORTEDLY AGREED AID IN BUILDING

FEEDER ROADS, OTHER FACILITIES IN AREA. MIN AGR ARSANJANI

SAYS NEW BILL WILL BE SUBMITTED, ALLEGEDLY BASED ON

REQUESTS FROM LANDLORDS, AUTHORIZING GOVT TO PURCHASE

FOR DISTRIBUTION LANDS NOT COVERED BY REFORM LAW. (UNCLAS)

COMMENT: SITUATION DEVELOPING RAPIDLY. SUCCESS

DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM THIS AREA NOT YET ASSURED, BUT

OVERT OPPPOSITION APPEARS HAVE SUBSIDED SOMEWHAT AS RESULT

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DETERMINED APPROACH AMINI GOVT. KEY TO SMOOTH OPERATION
Hinges on willingness landlords file accurate declarations
of holdings on time. MARAQEH DECLARATIONS NOW DUE, BUT NO
DATA ON COMPLIANCE YET RELEASED. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. GLENN ORBITS: INTEREST CONTINUED VERY HIGH,
WITH ALL PAPERS PICKING UP STORIES ON GLENN PERSONALLY,

HIS SPEECHES, WORLD REACTION TO FLIGHT, U.S. CELEBRATIONS,
DETAILED ACCOUNTS LAUNCHING, FLIGHT, RECOVERY, ALL WITH
NUMEROUS PHOTOS. COMMENT, HOWEVER, LIGHT, ALL ECHOING
BIG PAPERS' THEME LAST WEEK THAT PRINCIPAL SIGNIFICANCE
OF FLIGHT WAS RESTORATION OF BALANCE OF POWER, REDUCING
THREAT OF WAR. THREE PAPERS (OF FIVE COMMENTING) NOTED
THAT U.S. HAD NEVERTHELESS NOT COMPLETELY CLOSED GAP,
WORRIED A LITTLE ABOUT THIS. ETTELAAT REJOICED IN
KHRUSHCHEV OFFER COOPERATION, WHICH IT SAID BORN OF
GLENN FLIGHT, AS COOPERATION POSSIBLE BETWEEN TWO
POWERS "ONLY AS LONG AS THEY NOT TOO FAR APART IN
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT." (UNCLASSIFIED)
COMMENT: EMBASSY OPINES THAT WHILE POSTPONEMENTS
SUBJECTED U.S. TO SOME RIDICULE--WHICH, HOWEVER,
COMPENSATED FOR BY FINAL SUCCESS--THEY TENDED CREATE
SYMPATHY FOR LONG-SUFFERING GLENN, INCREASE IMPORTANCE

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HIS STATUS AS HERO SYMBOL. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. SUMMIT MEETING: ETTELA'AT SAID THAT BECAUSE

OF CURRENT CENTRALIZATION OF POWER SUMMIT MEETING HAS
PROBABLY BECOME INEVITABLE DIPLOMATIC FIXTURE, BUT NOTED
CONVERSION OF SUMMITS INTO ROUTINE, EVERYDAY AFFAIRS
WOULD UNDERMINE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. AMINI: PRIMIN'S OFFICIAL TRIP TO EUROPE
WELL COVERED, BUT NO SIGNIFICANT COMMENT.

COMMENT: PRESS IN GENERAL LISTLESS THIS WEEK OWING
TO DUAL HOLIDAY (INCLUDING PRESS HOLIDAYS) COMMEMORATING
ASSASSINATION IMAM ALI. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. LAND REFORM: DEVELOPMENTS THIS AREA STILL
TAKE UP MUCH PRESS SPACE, BUT COMMENT ZERO.

COMMENT: MUCH OF "NEWS" WAS ACTUALLY COVERAGE OF
MINAG ARSANJANI'S SPEECHIFYING. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

1. GLENN FLIGHT: RADIO IRAN, ALERTED OF
IMPENDING FLIGHT BY USIS, MONITORED VOA, REPORTED
LAUNCHING TEN MINUTES AFTERWARD, CONTINUED WITH
REGULAR PROGRESS REPORTS TAKEN FROM VOA, WIRE SERVICES.
COMMENTARIES FOUR DAYS RUNNING JUBILANT IN TONE, PRAISED
OPENNESS OF FLIGHT, GLENN'S "MAGNIFICANT PERSONAL
ACHIEVEMENT," GAVE ADDITIONAL COVERAGE AS PAPERS DID.
DAY AFTER FLIGHT STATION BROADCAST AT PEAK MORNING

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HOUR 12-MINUTE FEATURE ON FLIGHT PREPARED BY USIS. (OFLUSE)

2. RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN/FREE VOICE OF IRAN:

IRAN MADE NO MENTION SHAH WHILE ATTACKING AMINI GOVT
FOR HEAVY MILITARY EXPENDITURES AT TIME OF WIDESPREAD
UNEMPLOYMENT AND BANKRUPTCY. ATTACKED CONSORTIUM,
CLAIMING EXPERIENCED IRANIANS WORK FOR PITTANCE UNDER
LESS-QUALIFIED, LAVISHLY-PAID AMERICANS; URGED IRANIANS

TAKE CONTROL OWN OIL INDUSTRY FROM AMERICANS. REHASHED
FREQUENT CLAIM THAT USSR CHAMPIONS NATIONS SEEKING
ESCAPE IMPERIALIST YOKE, CITING HISTORY OF USSR
RELINQUISHMENT TZARIST CONCESSIONS IN IRAN.

PEYK-E IRAN CONCENTRATED ON PRIMIN'S EUROPEAN
TRIP, CLAIMING COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING ERHARD MEETING
SHOWED FAILURE AMINI EFFORTS OBTAIN NEW LOAN; SAID
GERMANS,

LIKE OTHER IMPERIALISTS, DESIRE ONLY PROJECTS
ENABLING THEM PILLAGE WEAKER COUNTRIES, NOT INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT. CLAIMED WIDESPREAD IRANIAN STUDENT
DEMONSTRATIONS IN GERMANY (WHICH PEYK-E IRAN CALLED
FOOGAST WEEA) FORCED AMINI SEEK PROTECTION GERMAN
POLICE. PUBLISHED "CONFIDENTIAL LETTER" OF UNIV TEHRAN
CHANCELLOR FARHAD TO AMINI EXPRESSING HIS "UTTER
DISGUST" AT "INHUMAN ACTS" OF SOLDIERS WHO ENTERED
UNIV JAN 21, AND DESCRIBING "HARROWING SCENES" OF

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ASSAULTS ON STUDENTS QUIETLY WORKING IN LABORATORY AND
BED-RIDDEN PATIENTS IN UNIV MEDICAL WARD: SAID THIS
LETTER TEARS MASU OF DECENCY FROM AMINI.

FREE VOICE OF IRAN REPEATED CALL FOR "HOLY WAR"
TO UPROOT "TRAITOROUS INFIDEL SHAH, HIS CORRUPT FAMILY
AND HIS IMPERIALIST-WORSHIPPING GOVT," WHO "ARE
FRIENDLY WITH ISRAEL AND RECENTLY CONCLUDED SECRET
MILITARY AGREEMENT WITH GEN-GURION;" CALLED ON SOLDIERS TO
TAKE THE LEAD, FULFILL OATH TO DIE FOR COUNTRY. ALSO
CLAIMED WIDESPREAD DEMONSTRATIONS OCCURRED IN GERMANY
WITH STUDENTS SHOUTING "DEATH TO AMINI, LONG LIVE MOSADEW. (UNCLAS)
III. MILITARY WAS NEGATIVE.

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. LAND REFORM: PRESS REPORTED CABINET APPROVAL OF DECREE AUTHORIZING GOVT PURCHASE OF LANDS NOT SUBJECT TO DISTRIBUTION UNDER LAND REFORM MEASURE. DECREE AFFECTS LANDLORDS OWNING ONE VILLAGE OR LESS WHO NEVERTHELESS VOLUNTEER SALE OF SUCH HOLDINGS TO GOVT. REPORTEDLY, SALE PRICE WILL BE DETERMINED UNDER SAME PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO DISTRIBUTION LANDS.

PRESS ALSO PUBLICIZED ACTION OF 3 MARAQEH LANDLORDS WHO VOLUNTEERED TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF TEN VILLAGES PURSUANT LAND REFORM DECREE, AND GOVT'S PROMPT PAYMENT OF FIRST INSTALLMENT FOLLOWING TRANSFER OF TITLE DEEDS. MINAG ARSANJANI INDICATED GOVT WOULD BE MORE GENEROUS IN COMPUTING COMPENSATION FOR LANDLORDS WHO DECLARE THEIR HOLDINGS VOLUNTARILY.

ON MARCH 4, ARSANJANI ANNOUNCED HE WILL RESIGN CABINET POST ONCE INITIAL LAND DISTRIBUTION IS EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED IN MARAQEH AREA. GAVE FAILING HEALTH AND FINANCIAL NECESSITY AS REASONS FOR INTENDED RESIGNATION; OBSERVED HE SAW NO REASON WHY ONLY ONE PERSON SHOULD CONTINUE ADMINISTER PROGRAM AFTER IMPORTANT FIRST STEP WAS TAKEN. ONE PAPER SUGGESTS ARRANGEMENTS TO RUN FOR PARLIAMENT WHEN NEW ELECTIONS HELD. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(1) COMMENT: AMCONSUL TABRIZ REPORTS MAJOR TEST WILL BE PASSED IF DA IN 210294

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PILOT PROJECT MAINTAINS MOMENTUM UP TO MARCH 11 DEADLINE.

EMB HAS HEARD RUMORS THAT ARSANJANI'S ANNOUNCED PLANS TO RESIGN STEM FROM AMBITION FORM NEW POLITICAL PARTY, WHICH WOULD BE POPULARLY IDENTIFIED WITH AGRARIAN REFORM MOVEMENT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. TEACHERS' COLLEGE REOPENS: NATIONAL TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGE, CLOSED NEARLY TWO MONTHS FOLLOWING DISPUTE OVER GOVT'S DECISION NOT TO PAY MONTHLY STIPEND TO FIRST YEAR STUDENTS, AND SUBSEQUENT DEMONSTRATIONS RELATED TEHRAN UNIVERSITY DISTURBANCES JAN 21, REOPENED FOR 2ND AND 3RD YEAR STUDENTS MAR. 7. LATTER CONTINUE RECEIVE MONTHLY STIPEND SINCE PAYMENT TO THESE CLASSES NOT AT ISEJEJV PRESS REPORTED DECISION ON PAYMENT OF STIPEND TO 1ST YEAR STUDENTS IS EXPECTED AFTER NEW YEAR (MAR. 21) HOLIDAYS.

COMMENT: NO ANNOUNCEMENT YET ON PLANS FOR REOPENING OF TEHRAN UNIVERSITY. INVESTIGATING COMMISSION PRESUMABLY CONTINUES PROBE CAUSES, ASSESS RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVENTS OF JAN. 21, AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. KENNEDY TEST ANNOUNCEMENT: STORY WELL-COVERED, BUT MAJOR PAPERS DID NOT FRONT-PAGE. COMMENT, CONFINED THREE SMALL PAPERS, CRITICAL, THOUGH DAMNING BOTH HOUSES. (PRO-GOVT) SETAREH TEHRAN NOTED IT WOULD BE MOST EMBARRASSING NOT TO CRITICIZE; ONE CANNOT BE AT ONCE FOR AND AGAINST EVIL. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: EMBASSY FEELS ADVERSE EFFECT ON PUBLIC OPINION MINIMAL, THAT WHILE FEW APPROVED OUTRIGHT, COMMONEST REACTION WAS TO SHRUG. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. GLENN FLIGHT: THIS AND RELATED SPACE STORIES STILL THE TOP NON-DOMESTIC ITEM. NO COMMENT, HOWEVER. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. AMINI: EUROPEAN TRAVELS ABUNDANTLY COVERED, WITH RATHER HEAVY COMMENT SPECULATING ON JUST HOW MUCH AID AMINI WILL PERSUADE THE WEST TO EXTEND. ABOUT ONLY NOTEWORTHY FEATURE OF MOSTLY INNOCUOUS COMMENT IS THAT IT LARGELY FRIENDLY IN TONE. EVEN DOUR DONYAYE JADID PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED ONLY THAT AMINI MAY HAND MONEY OVER DIRECT TO PLAN ORG TO BE PROMPTLY WASTED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. LAND REFORM: STILL A TOP STORY. MEDIUM COMMENT CONFINED TO SMALL PAPERS, ALL LAUDATORY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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E. RADIO

1. TEST ANNOUNCEMENT: RADIO IRAN COMMENTED PROMPTLY, PRESENTING BASICALLY U.S. POINHOF VIEW. (UNCLASSIFIED)
2. RADIO MOSCOW/PEYK-E IRAN/FREE VOICE OF IRAN:

RM LIMITED ITSELF TO RELATIVELY MILD CRITICISM OF PRIMIN AND IRAN GOV. DISCUSSING AMINI'S LOAN-SEEKING EUROPEAN TRIP, CLAIMED NEW LOANS WOULD ONLY HARM ECONOMY ALREADY OVERBURDENED BY PREVIOUS BORROWING. MADE STANDARD ATTACKS ON IRAN-US BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND ITS COSTLINESS FOR IRAN, AND ON OPPRESSION AGAINST POOR PEASANTS BY LANDLORD CLASS AND PSEUDO-LAND REFORMIST GOVT HEADED BY LANDLORD AMINI. AGAIN NO MENTION OF SHAH.

PEYK-E IRAN ATTACKED SHAH'S "ABSOLUTE DICTATORSHIP;" SAID WHILE AMINI PRETENDS THIS IS DEMOCRACY AND ALLIES IRAN WITH "SO-CALLED FREE NATIONS," IRANIAN STUDENTS IN EUROPE AND US WHO KNOW TRUE FACTS SHOUT "DEATH TO TRAITOR SHAH." SNORTED THAT AMINI NEGOTIATES IN LONDON WITH CONSORTIUM, MAY ACCEPT \$20 MILLION PAYMENT INSTEAD OF VAST SUMS PLUNDERING CONSORTIUM OWES IRAN; RENEWED OFT-REPEATED CLAIM AMINI RECEIVED \$7 MILLION FOR 28 MORDAD "COUP" IN ORDER GIVE IMPERIALISTS IRANIAN OIL. ALSO HIT FAMILIAR THEME URGING NEUTRALIST POLICY, WITHDRAWAL FROM CENTO.

FREE VOICE OF IRAN MAINTAINED CONTINUOUS CALL FOR VIOLENT OVERTHROW AND EXECUTION OF "TRAITOR SHAH, HIS CORRUPT FAMILY, HAND IMPERIALISM-WORSHIPPING GOVT;" LATTER PHRASE CONSTANTLY REPEATED ALL BROADCASTS. AGAIN CLAIMED THEY CONCLUDED SECRET MILITARY AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL. SAID ATTEMPTED COUP IN TURKEY WAS SIGNAL FOR IRANIANS, WHOSE SITUATION WORSE THAN TURKS', TO TAKE ACTION WHILE AVOIDING TURKS' MISTAKES. CITED WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE CRITICISING PAST ELECTIONS AND DEPLORING SITUATION IRAN. CLAIMED SHAH'S PRIVATE PILOT ALMOST SHOT WHILE ENTERING PALACE BY TRIGGER-HAPPY ROYAL GUARDS, WHO REFLECT SHAH'S NERVOUSNESS SINCE TURKISH REVOLUTION. SAID SHAH WORRIED ABOUT US ADVISORS TO ARMY, FEARING US PLANS USE THEM TO STRENGTHEN AMINI! (UNCLASSIFIED)

III. MILITARY

A. ARMY

1. J-2 VISIT TO PAKISTAN: LIEUTENANT GENERAL

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AZIZOLAH KAMAL, J-2, SCS, DEPARTED FOR TEN-DAY VISIT
TO PAKISTAN ON 9 MARCH. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: NATURE OF VISIT NOT DISCLOSED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. NAVY - NEGATIVE.
C. AIR FORCE - NEGATIVE.

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. LAND REFORM: SHAH MARCH 13 OFFICIATED AT WELL-PLANNED AND SMOOTHLY RUN CEREMONY INITIATING LAND DISTRIBUTION MARAQEH. DEEDSHO LAND IN SIX AND TWO-SIXTHS VILLAGES DISTRIBUTED TO 250 PEASANTS CULTIVATE. SHORT SPEECH SHAH RECALLED OWN TEN-YEAR RECORD LAND REFORM, REPEATING 1946 REMARK THAT IT IS NO HONOR BE KING POOR, HUNGRY PEOPLE." (UNCLAS)

COMMENT: EVENT NOTABLE AS FIRST ORGANIZED DISTRIBUTION PRIVATE LANDS IRAN. LAND ACTUALLY DISTRIBUTED, HOWEVER CREATS SMALL PERCENTAGE TOTAL AREA MARAQEH AND IT TO BE SEEN HOW EFFECTIVELY GOVT WILL DEAL WITH LANDLORDS THAT AREA WHO MIGHT BE RESISTING DISTRIBUTION. IN GENERAL THIS CRITICAL PERIOD, AND EVENTS NEXT FEW WEEKS WILL DO MUCH DETERMINE SUCCESS, PACE COUNTRY-WIDE AND REFORM. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. SECOND MARDOM PARTY CONGRESS: MARDOM PARTY, INACTIVE FOR MORE THAN YEAR, HELD SECOND CONGRESS C TEHRAN MARCH 11 AND 12, AND CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE GENERAL ELECTIONS. SECTY GEN YAHYA ADL PROMISED HE WOULD TRY CONVINCE DR. AHINI OF IMPORTANCE STARTING MAJLIS ELECTIONS, AND DIRECTED PARTY LEADERSHIP TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO THE END. WHILE GIVING LIP SERVICE TO LAND REFORM AND ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE, ADL ADDED ALL REFORMS SHOULD BE ACHIEVED BY CONSTITUTIONAL MEANS (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: IT IS LIKELY THAT ADL DEMANDED FOR ELECTIONS WAS MADE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE SHAH, CONSIDERING COMPOSITION AND HISTORY OF SERVILITY OF MARDOM PARTY. SHAH EVIDENTLY WILLING HOLD OUT LIMITED HOPE OF EARLY ELECTIONS TO MARDOM AND OTHER CONSERVATIVE GROUPS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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3. CONSORTIUM REPRESENTATIVES ANNUAL VISIT: REPS OF MEMBER COMPANIES TO CONSORTIUM ARRIVED TEHRAN MARCH 9 FOR ANNUAL VISIT; NOW HOLDING TALKS WITH GOI AND NIIC OFFICIALS ON OIL PROBLEMS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: VISIT POSTPONED ONE WEEK TO PERMIT REPS CONFERENCE IN LIMA IN 612245Z MAR 62

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LEVEL 1961 OIL REVENUES (EEKA 3) HAS PUT GOI IN TOUGH BARGAINING MOOD. REFINERY UPLIFT FACTOR CHIEF PROBLEM BEING DISCUSSED, THOUGH NUMBER OTHER MATTERS ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING FUTURE PRODUCTION LEVELS, IRANIZATION CONSORTIUM PERSONNEL, UTILIZATION NATURAL GAS. (SEE EMB A-236.) (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. DEATH OF AYATOLLAH KASHANI: AYATOLLAH ABOL QASEM KASHANI, FORMER PATRON OF TERRORIST FEDAYAN ISLAM AND ONCE PARAMOUNT RELIGIOUS LEADER IN TEHRAN, DIED MARCH 14 AT 86. THOUGH HIS POLITICAL INFLUENCE HAD VANISHED, HE REMAINED A POTENT SYMBOL OF RELIGIOUS NATIONALISM WHICH FEW GROUPS COULD IGNORE. BOTH THE SHAH AND AMINI RECENTLY VISITED KASHAN, THE FORMER REPORTEDLY AT REQUEST OF AYATOLLAH BEHBAHANI. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

B. EXTERNAL

1. AMINI'S RETURN FROM EUROPE: PRIMIN AMINI HAD BRIEFLY WITH SECRETARY RUSK IN GENEVA MAR 13, RETURNED TEHRAN FOLLOWING DAY AFTER 3-WEEK TRIP WHICH INCLUDED VISITS TO BONN, BERLIN, BRUSSELS, PARIS AND LONDON. (UNCLAS) COMMENT: AMC SCHEDULED EARLY PRESS CONF TO REPORT RESULTS TRIP. REPORTS FROM EUROPE RECEIVED TEHRAN INDICATE TRIP HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN ENHANCING AMINI'S POLITICAL STATURE AMONG HOSTS. FAVORABLE INTEREST ALSO AROUSED THIRD PLAN, BUT HOPES OBTAINING COMMITMENTS AND THROUGH FINANCING CONSORTIUM NOT FULFILLED. AMINI ALSO UNSUCCESSFUL IN BID OBTAIN REFUNDING IRANIAN DEBT TO GERMAN SUPPLIERS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

II PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. LAND REFORM: FULL NEWS, EDITORIAL COVERAGE MARAQEH LAND DISTRIBUTION. PRESS ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY HAIL EVENT AS BEGINNING NEW ERA SOCIAL, ECONOMIC STABILITY. SHAH'S ROLE IN INITIATING AND PROMOTING LAND REFORM STRESSED, SOMEWHAT DIMINISHING DR. ARSAN JANI'S. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. AMINI'S RETURN: PRESS GENERALLY PRAISES HIS EFFORTS IN EUROPE RESTORE IRANIAN PRESTIGE, SECURE HELP FOR THIRD PLAN. BAMSAD, DIPLOMAT WARN BURDEN MORE LOANS, REMIND READERS WORLD BANK MUST APPROVE IN ANY EVENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. MARDOM PARTY: FULL NEWS COVERAGE BUT LITTLE EDITORIAL COMMENT RE-EMERGENCE RIGHT-WING MARDOM PARTY. PRESS, HOWEVER, CAREFULLY REPORT PARTY DEMAND FOR EARLY ELECTIONS, SUPPORT OF AMINI. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. OIL TALKS: IN WEEK OF GENERALLY MEAGER EDITORIAL COMMENT, PRESS FRONT-PAGED CURRENT NIOC-CONSORTIUM TALKS BUT DA IN 212245S

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(A) HIGHER REFINED OIL UPLIFT (B) INCREASE CRUDE OIL
PRODUCTION (C) REPLACEMENT FOREIGNERS BY IRANIANS. (UNCLASSIFIED)
5. GENEVA CONFERENCE: POST TEHRAN, AZARIN,
MARDE MOBAREZ SEE LITTLE HOPE SUCCESSFUL TALKS NOTING
" BRITISH-U.S. SPLIT," DEGAULLE'S INTRANSIGENCE. HOWEVER,
POST TEHRAN REDUCED SINO-SOV IET TROUBLE MAY MAKE RUSSIANS
MORE AMENDABLE. (UNCLASSIFIED)
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1. Radio Iran: Radio Iran reflected generally mild,
disinterested pre-now RUZ editorial lassitude shown by press.
Bulk of news coverage comment devoted to Maraqeh land distri-
bution.

2. Radio Moscow/Pey-E Iran free voice of Iran:

RM continued ignore Shah, attack Amini. Claimed Amini em-
bezzled \$30,000 while Amb to US, and continued claim he received
\$5 million bribe for delivering Iranian oil to western
monopolists. Said Iran is country where persons like Amini
become premier instead of prison inmate, while pat-
riots are imprisoned and executed. Claimed Amini's "Aim seek-
ing" European tour failure, resulting in no new loans. Noted
visit Consortium representatives by attacking Consortium policies;
said Abadan refinery operates at less than half capacity,
refinery officials plan continue dismiss Iranian workers, while
Abadan remains backward city with 25 opium houses and only
5 libraries.

Pey-E Iran harshly attacked Shah and Amini as puppets
of British imperialism, recalling alleged statement by Anthony
Eden to Parliament that "We made Reza Shah and we removed
him from the throne;" also quoted Amini's statement of last
week as saying "I feel at home in Buckingham Palace" commenting
that every servant feels at home in master's house.

Free voice of Iran continued intensive repetition phrase
"Traitor Shah, his corrupt family, and imperialism-worshipping
government," coupled with call for "holy war" to overthrow
them and "send them to hell." (UNCLASSIFIED)

III Military

A. Army

1. Retirement of general officers: Following named
general officers reliably reported as being scheduled for retire-
ment - some before no RUZ 21 March: Lt Gens Varahram, Bakhtiar
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and Kusheshi; Maj Gens Mir-Jahangiri, Mobayan, Nekoozad, Behnam and Zohdi; Brig Gens Malekzad, Kianifar, Alavi Kia, Davaloo, Mahootian, Rafatian, Khosropanan, Khoshnevisrad, Khalil-Naji, Rahnavard and Mostowfi. (CONF)

Comment: All except Lt Gen Kusheshi, Maj Gen Mir-Jahangiri and Brig Gens Khoshnevisrad and Rahnavard have been listed by one or more sources. Kusheshi's retirement probably owing to health. This group of officers includes four division commanders and one brigade commander. Mobayan, Behnam and Malekzad are known to have been under consideration for retirement since last September. Maj Gen Fazeli reported likely to replace Kusheshi with Brig Gen Gharahbaghi replacing Fazeli. (CONFIDENTIAL)

- B. Navy-Negative.
- C. Air Force-Negative.

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. PRIMIN'S PRESS CONFERENCE: IN PRESS CONFERENCE MAR 15 AMINI DECLARED LEADERS FOUR EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HE VISITED EXPRESSED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO FORMATION OF CONSORTIUM TO AID IRAN'S THIRD DEVELOPMENT PLAN. SAID MAIN OBJECT HIS TRIP HAD BEEN EXPLAIN IRAN'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SITUATION AND NEED FOR FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. ALSO SAID FRENCH AND GERMAN GOVT'S SHOWED SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE TOWARDS IRAN'S INDEBTEDNESS (TO PRIVATE CREDITORS).

RE ECONOMIC CRISIS HE INHERITED ON TAKING OFFICE, AMINI SAID IT WAS IMPERATIVE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED ON IMPORTS, ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURES, AND EFFORTS RAISE NATIONAL REVENUE AND BALANCE BUDGET CONTINUE; AND DECLARED "WE MUST COMPLETE REFORMS WE HAVE BEGUN. THESE REFORMS ARE MUCH APPRECIATED ABROAD," (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: IN CONVERSATION WITH OUR AMB MAR 19, AMINI INDICATED SATISFACTION WITH HIS TRIP TO WESTERN EUROPE; SAID HE HAD NOT ASKED FOR SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS CONCERNING THIRD PLAN FINANCING BUT FELT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS MADE IN ENLISTING SUPPORT FOR IT. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. EX-CABINET MINISTERS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY: AMINI TOLD OUR AMB MAR 19 FORMER FINANCE MIN GENERAL ZARQAM WOULD BE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY SINCE CHARGES AGAINST HIM CONCERN MINISTERIAL CONDUCT, PROSECUTION FOR WHICH PERMISSIBLE ONLY WITH MAJLIS APPROVAL. SAID CHARGES AGAINST FORMER INTERIOR MIN GEN ALAVI-MOQADAM WOULD BE RESTATED TO STIPULATE HE BEING ACCUSED AS ACCOMPLICE

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RATHER THAN PRINCIPAL OFFENDER, THUS PERMITTING HIS RELEASE ON BAIL, DECLARED HOWEVER THAT GEN HAJ ALI KIA WOULD BE TRIED WITHOUT DELAY.

AMINI ALSO TOLD AMB THAT STEPS BEING TAKEN TO REDUCE AND RESTATE CHARGES AGAINST ETEHAJ, (FORMER PLAN ORG DIRECTOR), SO HE COULD ALSO BE RELEASED ON BAIL WITHIN FEW DAYS.

EMB INFORMED ZARQAM AND ALAVI-MOQADAM ACTUALLY RELEASED MAR 20.

COMMENT: PRIMIN APPARENTLY FEELS IRAN'S IMAGE ABROAD AND EFFECTIVENESS OF ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE HAVE BEEN DAMAGED BY HOLDING PEOPLE FOR PROLONGED PERIODS WITHOUT BAIL AND WITHOUT TRIAL. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS BY OIL CONSORTIUM:

TEHRAN MEETINGS WITH REPS OF MEMBER COMPANIES OIL CONSORTIUM ENDED MAR 17 WITH SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL CONCESSIONS TO IRAN. IN SATISFACTION IRAN'S CLAIM FOR HIGHER REFINERY UPLIFT PAYMENTS RETROACTIVE 1957-58, CONSORTIUM AGREED PAY \$10 MILLION; ADDITIONAL \$1 MILLION PAYMENT AGREED IN SETTLEMENT SEVERAL MINOR CLAIMS. OTHER MAJOR ISSUES DISCUSSED WERE: FINANCING OF "NON-BASIC" OPERATIONS; IRANIZATION OF CONSORTIUM PERSONNEL; AND GOI CLAIM FOR ALLEGED UNDERMEASUREMENT OF CRUDE OIL, 1955-60. GOI SATISFIED BY CONSORTIUM STATEMENTS AND UNDERTAKINGS ALL THESE ISSUES. (SEE EMBTEL 727; EMBDES 428.) (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: NEGOTIATIONS CHARACTERIZED BY HARD BARGAINING BUT AMICABLE SPIRIT. ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS \$11 MILLION WILL BRING FINAL GOI REVENUES FOR 1961 CLOSE TO \$02 MILLION, THEREBY MEETING CONSORTIUM'S EARLIER COMMITMENT IN SPITE OF UNEXPECTEDLY HIGH COSTS 1961 OPERATIONS (WEEKA 2). ADDITIONAL REVENUES EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN VIEW IRAN'S CURRENTLY TIGHT BUDGETARY POSITION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. NEW FOREIGN MINISTER: ABBAS ARAM, IRANIAN AMB TO IRAQ, WILL BECOME FOREIGN MINISTER AGAIN, REPLACING HOSEIN QODS-NAKHAI, AMB DESIGNATE TO U.S. WHO WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON MAR 28. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: EMB ENJOYED FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH ARAM DURING HIS PREVIOUS TENURE AS FONMIN FROM AUG 1959 TO AUG 1960. DECISION APPOINT ARAM TAKEN CONSIDERABLY PRIOR RECALL OF IRAQI AMB TO IRAN. (SEE 1-B-3) (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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B. EXTERNAL

1. SHAH INVITED TO VISIT U.S.: ON MAR 21
GOI ANNOUNCED SHAH ACCEPTED PRES. KENNEDY'S
INVITATION VISIT U.S. APRIL 10 - 17. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. IRAN-USSR: SOV AMB PEGOV RECEIVED BY
SHAH MAR 19, FORMER MAKING RENEWED REPRESENTATIONS
FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENT (WEEKA 7). ACCORDING FONMIN,
WHO ALSO SAW PEGOV, BOTH HE AND SHAH REPLIED IRAN
WAS STILL PREPARED MAKE UNILATERAL STATEMENT AFFIRMING
NO FOREIGN MISSILE BASES WOULD BE ALLOWED ON IRANIAN
SOIL BUT WOULD GO NO FURTHER. (SECRET)

3. KUWAIT AMB PRESENTS CREDENTIALS: KUWAIT
AMB, HAMAD ALI AL SALIM, PRESENTED CREDENTIALS MAR. 15.
BAGHDAD RADIO SUBSEQUENTLY ANNOUNCED RECALL ITS AMB TO IRAN,
PURSUANT POLICY OR RECONSIDERING RELATIONS WITH STATES WHICH
ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH KUWAIT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. IRAN-ALGERIA: MAR 20 PRESS CONTAINED
FON MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH HAILED ALGERIA CEASE-FIRE
AGREEMENT, EXTENDED FELICITATIONS TO LEADERS BOTH SIDES,
PLEDGED IRAN'S CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE OF
ALGERIA AND EXPRESSED WISHES FOR "SUCCESS, PORSPERITY AND
GREATNESS OF THE ALGERIAN NATION." (UNCLASSIFIED)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. PRESS HOLIDAY: AS USUAL DURING NO RUSH,
PAPERS CLOSED DOWN FIVE DAYS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. DISARMAMENT: SOME NEWS COVERAGE GENEVA
CONFERENCE, BUT LITTLE INTEREST; COMMENT LIGHT. ETTELAAT
OPENED CHANCES AGREEMENT NOT PROMISING. NOTING PLAN FOR
"COMPLETE AND UNIVERSAL DISARMAMENT" MOSTLY PROPAGANDA,
SAID SEARCH FOR BAN ON TESTING ALSO IMPRACTICAL. IN ANY
EVENT, MAIN POINT AT ISSUE NOT DISARMAMENT BUT GERMANY, AND
RESTRICTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN CENTRAL EUROPE IS A PRICE
WEST CAN AFFORD AND THE KEY TO SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT
WITH USSR. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. OIL: ANNUAL TALKS WITH CONSORTIUM STIRRED
CONSIDERABLE FRONT PAGE NEWS AND RUMOR-MONGERING,
RESURGENCE CHRONIC EDITORIAL COMMENT COMPLAINING IRAN IN ONE

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WAY OR ANOTHER NOT GETTING 100 PERCENT FAIR DEAL.
COMMONEST COMPLAINT CONCERNED WITH SLOWNESS OF
"IRANIZATION" OIL INDUSTRY. BAMSNAHD, THOUGH COMPLAINING,
NOTED IN 11 YEARS SINCE NATIONALIZATION IRAN HAD RECEIVED
FIVE TIMES AS MUCH AS IN PRECEDING 37 YEARS UNDER AIOC.
ETTELA'AT SAID COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END OF TALKS "TOO
MUCH GENERALIZATION" TO SATISFY PUBLIC, CALLED ON
PRIMIN FOR DETAILED REPORT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. AMINI: RETURN GREETED BY MEDIUM HEAVY
COMMENT, SOME LAUDATORY, OTHER NOT UNFRIENDLY, THOUGH
SEVERAL PAPERS REMARKED AMINI HAS DONE SOME GOOD,
BUT... PEYGAM EMRUZ SAID WHAT IRANIANS WANT FROM PRIMIN
IS NOT EUROPEAN LOANS; THEY "WANT A PARLIAMENT FROM
THE LIBERAL PRIMIN WHO DEFENDED FREE ELECTIONS."
ETTELA'AT PRAISED AMINI REPQRT ON TRIP AS "ONE OF MOST
REALISTIC AND MATURE SPEECHES HE HAS EVER MADE,"
JOINED OTHER PAPERS IN LAUDING HIS DETERMINATION TO
PRESS FORWARD WITH PLANNED DEVELOPMENT EVEN IF AID NOT
RECEIVED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. LAND REFORM: REPORTAGE AND COMMENT DROPPED
OFF PROMPTLY AFTER SUCCESSFUL DISTRIBUTION TITLE DEEDS
BY SHAH AT MARAQEH. FOUR OF FIVE PAPERS COMMENTING GAVE
MOST CREDIT FOR REFORM TO SHAH. ONE CALLED PEACEFUL REFORM
GREATEST DEVELOPMENT IN IRAN IN A CENTURY. ANOTHER
PLEADED FARMERS NOW BE PROTECTED FROM GOVT OFFICIALS WHO
PREVIOUSLY DETERRED BY LANDLORDS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

1. RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN/FREE VOICE OF IRAN:
RM STILL OMITTING MENTION SHAH, CONTINUING ATTACK AMINI.
SCOFFED AT AM NI'S PARIS STATEMENT THAT SECOND SEVEN YEAR
PLAN SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT, QUOTING ASFA'S STATEMENT
THAT 5 BILLION RIALS NEEDED TO COMPLETE PLAN, DESPITE
EXPENDITURE TO DATE OF 80 BILLION RIALS PLUS \$410 MILLION
FOREIGN LOANS; BLAMED ALLEGED FAILURE TO COMPLETE PLANNED
PROJECTS ON VAST SUMS WASTED ON FOREIGN ADVISORS. ATTACKED
CONSORTIUM, SAYING AMINI'S RECENT TALKS SHOWED OIL MONOPOLISTS
TO CONTINUE PLUNDERING POLICIES IN IRAN; BROADCAST BY FORMER
OIL COMPANY EMPLOYEE DESCRIBED MISERABLE CONDITIONS FOR
ABADAN LABORERS, MANY OF WHOM BEING DISMISSED WITHOUT
CAUSE, "WHILE CONSORITUM AND ITS SERVANT AMINI BECOME
RICHER." RENEWED CALL FOR NEUTRALIST POLICY, WITHDRAWAL
FROM FOREIGN ALLIANCES.

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RM OVERRODE POCAL U.S. ARMED FORCES RADIO STAT ON
AFTERNOON MAR 21, BRAODCASTING FIVE MINUTES NEWS ON
DISARMAMENT AND WORLD PEACE IN ENGLISH TO STATION
LISTENERS.

AMIN DEMANDED NEUTRALIST POLICY, DESCRIBED AS
CURE FOR ALL PRESENT DIFFICULTIES IRAN.

PEYK-E IRAN QUOTED AMINI AS STATING THAT IRANIAN
LABOR LAW WORLD'S MOST PROGRESSIVE, SAID THIS
"PROGRESSIVE" LAW MERELY WORDS WHICH FAILED PREVENT
MANY TERRIBLE ACCIDENTS WHILE DEMZYNG RIGHT TO STRIKE
OR ORGANIZE UNIONS OTHER THAN THOSE RUN BY SHAH'S
SPIES.

FREE VOICE OF IRAN CLAIMED U.S. HAD INDUCED DR. AMINI
TO ALLOW U.S. BUILD ROCKET BASES VARIOUS PARTS OF IRAN.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

III. MILITARY - NEGATIVE.

SGD HOLMES

ACTION: ACS

INFO : DCSOP, GA, OSD, OSA, AF, NAVY, STATE, CIA, NSA, DIA

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. PRIMIN'S ECON POLICY STATEMENT: PRIMIN AMINI DEVOTED MARCH 27 TV INTERVIEW ENTIRELY TO ECONOMIC POLICY, MAKING FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS: (1) TRADE POLICY WOULD BE DESIGNED TO PROTECT LOCAL INDUSTRY SO LONG AS IT COMPETITIVE QUALITY AND COST-WISE, TO ENCOURAGE EXPORTS, AND TO CREATE LOCAL INDUSTRY WITH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES; (2) ADMIN REFORMS WOULD BE PRESSED WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION PROBLEM OVERSTAFFING GOVT OFFICES; (3) EUR TRIP (WEEKS 11,12) WAS GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL AND AID FOR THIRD PLAN WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SO LONG AS REFORM PROGRAM PURSUED; (4) 1341 BUDGET WILL BE READY BY APRIL 20, WILL SHOW A "SENSIBLE" DEFICIT, AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL FOR FULL PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: STATEMENT GENERALLY STRONG REITERATION OF PROGRESSIVE ECON, SOCIAL REFORM POLICY. BUDGET STATEMENT PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT IN VIEW DIFFICULTY BEING ENCOUNTERED IN CURRENT REVIEW MINISTRIES' DEMANDS HIGH EXPENDITURE LEVELS, ESPECIALLY FOR MILITARY AND EDUCATION; AMINI IN EFFECT COMMITS HIMSELF TO CUT DOWN SUCH REQUESTS WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. LAND REFORM: MINAG ARSANJANI REPORTED MARCH 27 "A GREAT NUMBER" OF LANDLORDS IN MIANDOAB AND SHAHIN DEJ AREAS OF AZERBAIJAN HAD SUBMITTED HOLDINGS STATEMENTS INDICATING PACE OF LAND DISTRIBUTION NOT ABATING AND "VOLUNTARY" COOPERATION MANY LANDLORDS CONTINUING. MINISTER SAME TIME SLASHED OUT AT SOME LANDLORDS WHO ACCUSED FOMENTING TROUBLE THROUGH "HIRED AGENTS." (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: MINISTER APPEARS DETERMINED CAPITALIZE INITIAL MARAGHEH DISTRIBUTION SUCCESSES AND UTILIZE FAVORABLE

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PUBLICITY ATTENDANT SHAH'S PARTICIPATION AND OTHER FACTORS TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM DISTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES. TOO MUCH HASTE COULD JEOPARDIZE FOLLOW-UP EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO NEW OWNERS BUT EMBASSY AGREES WITH CONSULATE TABRIZ THAT PERFORMANCE TO DATE SUGGESTS GOVT HAS GOOD CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING. (TABRIZ A-12) (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. ACCELERATED EFFORTS ESTABLISH NATIONAL AIRLINE: GOVT THIS WEEK ACCELERATED ITS EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH MONOPOLY POSITION FOR IRANIAN NATIONAL AIRLINES CORPORATION, ITS PAPER FLAG CARRIER (WEEKA 6). IN SERIES OF MOVES, GOVT SEIZED THREE VISCOUNTS OPERATED BY IRANAIR, GROUNDED TWO IRANAIR DC-61, BEGAN WOOGING IRANAIR EMPLOYEES, AND INDICATED INTENTION CUTTING OFF FUEL SUPPLIES TO IRANAIR. IN TURN, IRANAIR INITIATED LEGAL PROCEEDINGS TO STOP HINDRANCES TO ITS OPERATIONS. AS RESULT GOVT ACTIONS, DOMESTIC FLIGHT OPERATIONS ARE ON VERGE TOTAL STOPPAGE AT COMMENCEMENT TOURIST SEASON. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY) COMMENT: ATTEMPT TO KILL IRANAIR IS DISTRESSING CASE CAPRICIOUS IRRESPONSIBLE GOVT ACTION. PRIMIN MUST ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY THIS SITUATION, SINCE HE APPROVED CREATION NATIONAL AIRLINE AND APPOINTMENT HADY-HANDED GENERAL ALI MOHAMAD KHADEMI AS MANAGING DIRECTOR. LATTER, HOWEVER, IS HATCHET-MAN IN PRESENT OPERATION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. TRADE POLICY ESTABLISHED: GOVT ON MARCH 20 APPROVED NEW IMPORT-EXPORT REGULATIONS FOR YEAR 1341 AND FOREIGN COMMERCE POLICY FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS. (UNCLASSIFIED) COMMENT: DOCUMENT NOT YET PUBLISHED IN FULL. FROM AVAILABLE DETAILS IT APPEARS THAT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS WILL BE MAINTAINED OR TIGHTENED DURING THIS YEAR AND THAT GENERAL AUSTERITY PROGRAM WILL BE FOLLOWED FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE. (UNCLASS)

5. UNIVERSITY EXPECTED REOPEN APR 4: TEHRAN UNIV COUNCIL HAS ISSUED STATEMENT ANNOUNCING RESUMPTION OF CLASSES APR 4, WITHOUT WAITING FOR RESULTS OF CONTINUING PROBE INTO INCIDENTS OF JAN 21. PLEA ADDRESSED TO STUDENTS REQUESTS THEM MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER, ABSTAIN FROM ASSEMBLIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS "WHICH WOULD LEAD TO INTERFERENCE BY OUTSIDE AUTHORITIES AND CLOSURE OF UNIVERSITY." STATEMENT WARNS THOSE WHO VIOLATE DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS WILL BE PUNISHED ACCORDINGLY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. AIRPORT WELCOME FOR MRS KENNEDY: MRS KENNEDY MADE BRIEF AIRPORT STOP-OVER TEHRAN WHILE ENROUTE LONDON FROM KARACHI. RECEIVED WARM WELCOME FROM PRINCESS FATIMEH,

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PRIMIN AMINI AND EX-AMB ZAHEDI; TOLD PRESS "WE LOOK FORWARD WITH GREATEST PLEASURE" TO FORTHCOMING VISIT OF SHAH AND EMPRESS FARAH. (UNCLASSIFIED)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

1. ALGERIA: CEASE-FIRE GREETED WITH EDITORIAL HOSANNAHS CALLING FOR DISPERSION OAS, PRAISE FOR DETERMINATION ALGERIANS, POLITICAL-ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES TO WEST OF STABLE ALGERIA. (UNCLASS)

2. PRIMIN'S ECONOMIC POLICY STATEMENT: ETTELAAT GIVES FULL NEWS COVERAGE, DETAILS OF STATEMENT, COMMENTS EDITORIALLY ALONG WITH LESSER PAPERS THAT POLICY APPEARS SOUND EXCEPT FOR GOVT PLAN TO EXPORT FOODSTUFFS AND ALLEGED DECISION NOT TO REVISE TARIFFS ON IRON AND STEEL IMPORTS. (UNCLASS)

3. SHAH'S U.S. VISIT: FULL NEWS COVERAGE, RELATIVELY LITTLE EDITORIAL COMMENT. KHANDA IHA APPLAUDS VALUE TOP-LEVEL MEETING BUT CAUTIONS PEOPLE NOT TO EXPECT MIRACLES. OTHER PAPERS HAIL KENNEDY INVITATION, EXPRESS HOPE TIES WILL BE STRENGTHENED RESULT OF VISIT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. OIL: PEIGHAME EMRUZ, ESLAHATE IRAN EDITORIALS SALUTE ESFAND 29 ANNIVERSARY NATIONALIZATION OIL INDUSTRY. CALL FOR FURTHER IRANIZATION, STRESS IRAN'S "HOLY" RIGHT TO DERIVE MOST BENEFIT FROM OIL RESOURCES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. LAND REFORM: PEIGHAME EMRUZ, NAGHMA-E-DONAY URGE GOVT TO PRESS FOR WIDER LAND REFORM, CRACK-DOWN ON OTHER LANDLORDS, CAPITALISTS WHO TRANSFER PRECIOUS FUNDS TO FOREIGN BANKS FOR PURCHASE LUXURY ITEMS, INVESTMENT ABROAD. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. MRS KENNEDY'S TEHRAN STOP-OVER: FULL NEWS, PICTURE COVERAGE HER ONE-HOUR VISIT. EDITORIAL REPRINT OF INDIAN BN PAKISTANI COMMENT HER GRACIOUSNESS, TACTBN POPULARITY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

1. RADIO IRAN: NO-RUZ HOLIDAYS CAUSED SELF-IMPOSED BAN EDITORIAL COMMENT. ALGERIAN CEASE-FIRE GIVEN FULL NEWS COVERAGE, EDITORIAL PRAISE SIMILAR PRESS. LIVE BROADCAST MRS KENNEDY'S ARRIVAL REPLETE WITH FULSOME PRAISE HER CHARM, ETC. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN/FREE VOICE OF IRAN:

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4. ENDED SEVERAL WEEKS MORATORIUM ATTACKS ON SHAH, SAYING SHAH AND AMINI, THEMSELVES IRAN'S LARGEST LAND OWNERS, TALK NONSENSE REGARDING LAND REFORM INTENTIONS; SAID SHAH OBTAINS HUGE SUMS FROM IRANIAN TREASURY FOR LANDS DISTRIBUTED WITH PRETENDED BENEFICENCE. ALSO ATTACKED IRAN-US BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND PAID TRIBUTE TO "MARTYR" KHOSROW RUZBEH. NVI QUOTED RUMOR SHAH CONSIDERING ABDICATION AT SUGGESTION AMERICANS IN ORDER GIVE AMINI FULL CONTROL IRANIAN AFFAIRS; ADDED SHAH TO DISCUSS ABDICATION DURING U.S. VISIT, MAY RETIRE TO CALIFORNIA. SUPPORTED STUDENTS IN STRUGGLES, SAYING SHAH AND US ADVISORS AGREE TO AMINI'S DESIRE DESTROY INDEPENDENCE OF UNIVERSITY.

PEYK-E IRAN ATTACKED SHAH AND US VISIT; SAID SHAH MADE AMINI PREMIER AND LET AMINI CABINET PLAY EXECUTIVE UPON US INSTRUCTIONS, AND NOW MAKING HASTY TRIP SEEKING MORE HELP FROM US MASTERS. ALSO URGED ADOPTION NEUTRALIST POLICY NOTING THAT IRAQI GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH "FALLEN INTO TOTALITARIAN WAYS," HAS MAINTAINED NEUTRALITY, WHILE SHAH PUT IRANIAN FORCES UNDER CONTROL FIVE-THOUSAND US ADVISORS WHO RECEIVE THREE-BILLION RIALS ANNUAL SALARY FROM IRANIAN TREASURY.

FREE VOICE OF IRAN CLAIMED PURPOSE SHAH'S US VISIT TO IMPROVE HIS POSITION, IN LIGHT OF US SUPPORT FOR AMINI.(UNCLASS)

III. MILITARY - NEGATIVE

ACTION: ACSI

INFO: DCSOP, OSA, OSD, AF, NAVY, STATE, CIA, NSA, DIA

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5) INTERNAL

(1) AMINI DISCUSSES ANTI-CORRUPTION, EBTEHAJ CASE, PLAN ORG MORALE, UNIVERSITY OPENING AND SHAH'S VISIT: IN CONVERSATION WITH AMB HOLMES MAR 31, AMINI CRITICIZED WIDESPREAD AND UNCONTROLLED ACTIVITIES OF MIN JUSTICE INVESTIGATORS, DECLARED HE INTENDS HAVE THESE OFFICIALS INSTRUCTED DEVELOP CASES INVOLVING EVIDENCE OF THIEVERY OR OUTRIGHT CORRUPTION, AND LAY OFF ATTEMPTS BUILD CASE WHERE ONLY EVIDENCE IS ERRONEOUS JUDGMENT AND NO VIOLATION OF LAW. IN LATTER CONNECTION, PRIMIN SAID HE WILL INSTRUCT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR DISMISS EBTEHAJ CASE UNLESS INVESTIGATION NEARING COMPLETION DISCLOSES OUTRIGHT DISHONESTY OR VIOLATION OF LAW, AND TOLD AMB HE HAD SUCCESSFULLY REASSURED PLAN ORG OFFICIALS WHOSE CONCERN AT CURRENT INVESTIGATIONS HAS SERIOUSLY SLOWED PLANNING AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.

REFERRING CABINET SESSION ATTENDED BY CHANCELLOR, DEANS OF TEHRAN UNIVERSITY, IN WHICH AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON REVISION UNIV STATUTES PRELIMINARY APR 4 REOPENING, AMINI SAID HE CONTEMPLATES COMPLETE STATUTE REVISION AND PURGE OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND FACULTY DURING SUMMER RECESS.

ON SHAHS VISIT TO U. S., AMINI EMPHASIZED NECESSITY SUPPORTING SHAH'S POSITION AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SECURITY, IN ORDER MAINTAIN STABILITY AND CALM REQUIRED FOR CONTINUANCE OF REFORM PROGRAM. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: AMINI IS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS FOR SUCCESS OF SHAH'S VISIT. ALSO INDICATED AWARENESS OF EMBARRASSMENT WHICH MAY BE CAUSED SHAH BY QUESTIONS FROM AMERICAN PRESS ON SUBJECT OF EBTEHAJ'S INCARCERATION WITHOUT INDICTMENT OR BAIL. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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(2) MIN JUSTICE STATEMENTS: ON MAR 31 JUSTICE ALAMUTI PROMISED SPEEDUP OF CASES PENDING WITH COURT AND MINISTRY, AND ACCELERATION OF GOVT'S ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE. DECLARED GOVT DID CONTEMPLATE TEMPORARY LEGISLATION ENABLING PROSECUTION OF FORMER MINISTERS. ALAMUTI HAD BEEN QUOTED IN PRESS EARLIER AS SAYING RELEASED EX-CABINET MINISTERS ZARQAM AND ALAVI-XFQADAM, (WEEKA 12) WOULD BE TRIED "IN NEW YEAR WHEN MAJLIS IS CONVENED," WHILE RUMOR CIRCULATED THAT FORMER PLAN ORG DIRECTOR EBTEHAJ WOULD BE FREED AS PART OF PACKAGE DEAL ASSOCIATED WITH RELEASE OF THESE TWO GENERALS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: EMB IMPRESSION IS THAT MIN JUSTICE STATEMENT WILL DO LITTLE TO COUNTERACT DAMAGE TO AMINI GOVT'S REFORM IMAGE CAUSED BY FREEING TWO GENERALS WHO WERE EMBODIMENT OF CORRUPTION IN PUBLIC MIND. WHILE IMPACT OF GENERALS' RELEASE WAS BLUNTED BY SUCCEEDING NO Ruz HOLIDAYS WHEN GOVT OFFICES AND NEWSPAPERS WERE SHUT DOWN, THEIR RELEASE AND CONTINUING DETENTION OF EBTEHAJ IS LIKELY TO REAWAKEN PROFOUND SKEPTICISM OF MANY IRANIANS CONCERNING REFORM INTENTIONS OF AMINI GOVT. (A-258) (CONFIDENTIAL).

(3) GOVT RELEASES SOME NF LEADERS AS UNIVERSITY REOPENS: TEHRAN UNIVERSITY, CLOSED SINCE DEMONSTRATIONS OF JAN 21, REOPENED APR 4. AT SAME TIME, GOVT RELEASED 8 NATIONAL FRONT LEADERS AND NUMBER OF PROFESSORS, STUDENTS IMPRISONED IN CONNECTION WITH JAN EVENTS; CONTINUES HOLD KARIM SANJABI, SHAPUR BAKHTIAR, MOHAMAD ALI KHONJI, AND MOHAMAD HEJAIZI. (UNCLASSIFIED)

FILES OF 12 PERSONS HANDED OVER TO MILITARY COURT FOR REVIEW AND POSSIBLE PROSECUTION. NO DECISION TAKEN YET REGARDING FOUR LEADERS OF CONSERVATIVE ASADOLLAH RASHIDIAN GROUP, WHO REMAIN IMPRISONED. (WEEKA 4) (CONFIDENTIAL).

(4) TIGHTENED IMPORT REGULATIONS: GOI IMPORT REGULATIONS FOR 1341 CONTAIN LONG LIST NEW OR ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL PROFITS TAXES ON CONSUMER GOODS, LUBE OILS, TIRES, AND CERTAIN PRODUCERS' GOODS, DESIGNED PROTECT HOME INDUSTRIES, INCREASE REVENUES. CARS, TRUCKS, RADIO, TV, MANY OTHER ITEMS ON PROHIBITED LIST. NEW CENTRAL BANK INSTRUCTIONS GREATLY REDUCES CATEGORIES IMPORTS ALLOWED UNDER TIME DRAFTS, RAISES ADVANCE DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS ON LETTERS OF CREDIT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: WHILE NEW POLICY HAS SOME INFLATIONARY IMPLICATIONS, IT CARRIES OUT IMPORT AUSTERITY BELIEVED TO BE ESSENTIAL FOR PROVIDING FOREIGN EXCHANGE STABILITY IN FORTHCOMING THIRD PLAN. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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(5) LAND REFORM: INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC LAND DISTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES SPARSE, BUT MINISTER ARSANJANI CONTINUES MAKE HEADLINES WITH PRESS STATEMENTS. DURING PAST WEEK HE: (A) LASHED OUT AT SOV RADIO CRITICISMS IRAN LAND REFORM, STATING "THOSE WHO HAVE FAILED SOLVE OWN AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS AFTER FORTY YEARS BETTER NOT GIVE US ADVICE," (B) SAID HE SUBMITTED PROPOSAL TO CABINET DETAILED LAND REFORM PROGRAM THIS YEAR AND MADE ITS ACCEPTANCE CONDITION HIS REMAINING IN CABINET; (C) REPORTED HE SUBMITTED DRAFT DECREE TO CABINET EMPOWERING GOVT TO DISPOSSESS AND BANISH LANDLORDS OR PEASANTS WHO OBSTRUCT LAND REFORM;

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CORRECT PAGE 1, LINES 14-18 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) SHAH'S U.S. VISIT: CONTINUED ABSENCE SPECULATION MAJOR DAILIES: KHANDANIHA, MEHRE IRAN POINT UP IRAN'S ROLE FREE WORLD, BEG U.S. TRULY UNDERSTAND NATURE, COMPLEXITY IRANIAN PROBLEMS, AGAIN WARN AGAINST EXPECTING HUGE LOANS OTHER AID COMMITMENTS RESULT HIM'S VISIT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

CORRECT PAGE 1, LINES 24-26 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(3) ALGERIA: PRESS HORRIFIED OAS ATROCITIES, FULSOME IN PRAISE FOR MOSLEM CALM FACE OF EXTREME PROVOCATIONS.

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(D) EXPRESSED SATISFACTION CURRENT PROGRESS LAND
DISTRIBUTION IN MIANDOAB, SHAHIN DEJ, AND HASHTARUD
AREAS; AND (E) DEMANDED PLAN ORG TURN OVER ALL
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BUDGET TO AGR. BANK. (UNCLAS)

COMMENT: STATEMENTS APPEAR LARGELY DESIGNED FOR LOCAL
CONSUMPTION, TO RETAIN INITIATIVE AGAINST OPPOSITION.
BARBS AT LANDLORDS CONTINUE, BUT NOT AS POINTEDLY
INSULTING AS LAST SUMMER. CONTINUING THREATS TO
RESIGN POSE SOMETHING OF A PROBLEM TO GOVT IN VIEW ARSANJANI'S
CURRENT HIGH PRESTIGE IN WAKE INITIAL SUCCESSES LAND
DISTRIBUTION MARAGHEH. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

(1) SHAH'S U.S. VISIT: CONTI JARHBSENCE SPEMYYATION ***
MAJOR DACZNES, KHANDANIHA, HHRRET IRAN POINT UP IRAN'S ROLE
FREE WORLD, BEG U.S. TRULY UNDERSTAND NATURE, COMPLEXITY
IRANIAN PROBLEMS, AGAIN WARN AGAINST EXPECTING HUGE LOANS
OTHER AID COMMITMENTS RESULT HIM'S VISIT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) SYRIAN COUP: PRESS CASTS CONCERNED MIDDLE
EASTERN EYE SYRIAN INSTABILITY, PREDICTS CONTINUED
STRIFE CAN ONLY BENEFIT ISRAEL, EGYPT, EXPRESSES
DISAPPOINTMENT FAILURE CONSERVATIVES TO SUSTAIN THEIR
SIX-MONTH-OLD REVOLUTION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) ALGERIA: PRESS HORRIFIED OAS ATROCAUJSW ***
FULSOME IN PRAISE FOR MOSLEM CALM FACE OF SROMEME ***
PROVOCATIONS. MOST PRESS CAREFUL TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES OAS AND EFFORTS FRENCH GOVERNMENT,
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DEGAULLE OBSERVE TREATY, DESTROY OAS, GUARANTEE RIGHTS
ALGERIANS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) UNIVERSITY: PRESS RELATIVELY QUIET
REOPENING UNIVERSITY. URGES STUDENTS, TEACHERS ESCHEW
POLITICAL ACTIVITY, CONCENTRATE ON STUDIES, RESEARCH
FOR BENEFIT NATION, PRESTIGE AS CENTER LEARNING. (UNCLASS)

(5) ELECTIONS: ETTELA'AT, ARDE MOBAREZ REPORT
STATE OF RUMORS THAT IMPORTANT ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT
DUE SOON. SUGGEST AMINI MAY APPOINT CARETAKER CABINET
SUPERVISE ELECTIONS, POINT UP NEED HONEST LEGISLATURE
TO PURSUE REFORMS ALREADY INSTITUTED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

(1) RADIO IRAN: FULL COVERAGE MAJOR WORLD
NEWS EVENTS, ALMOST NO EDITORIAL COMMENT EXCEPT MILD
REBUKE SYRIANS FOR THEIR CONTINUED INSTABILITY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) RADIO MOSCOW/NVI: RM CRITICIZED AMINI'S
ALLEGED EFFORTS AFFILIATE WITH COMMON MARKET, SAYING
IRANIAN BAZAAR, ALREADY OVER-STOCKED WITH FOREIGN
GOODS, WOULD BE FLOODED, BANKRUPTING LOCAL FACTORIES
AND INCREASING UNEMPLOYMENT. EXTOLLED NEUTRALIST
POLICY, SAYING EVEN CHESTER BOWLES ADMITTED OUTSTANDING
ECONOMIC PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY NEUTRALIST COUNTRIES,
INCLUDING RUSSIA-AIDED AFGHANISTAN. SAID SHAH VISITING
US PRIMARILY TO OBTAIN AMERICAN LOAN, JUST AS AMINI
BEGGED ALMS IN EUROPE; SAID, HOWEVER, IMPERIALISTS,
WHILE SUPPORTING IRANIAN RULING CLASS, FEED THEM
SPARINGLY, SO SHAH'S SUCCESS DOUBTFUL. RECALLED
SHAH'S LAST US VISIT FOLLOWED BY BILATERAL MILITARY
AGREEMENT AND IRAN'S PARTICIPATION IN ALLEGED SECRET
CENTO PLANS TO CREATE ATOMIC DEATH ZONES IN IRAN IN
EVENT OF WAR WAS USSR. SAID GROUP OF ARMY OFFICERS
DISSATISFIED WITH FOREIGN POLICY SHAH'S GOVT AND
ITS SUICIDAL HOSTILITY TOWARDS RUSSIA; CLAIMED
ACCEPTANCE AID FROM BOTH US AND RUSSIA WOULD ACHIEVE LIBERATION
FROM UNFAIR STRINGS ATTACHED PRESENT US AID AND BENEFITS
GENUINE RUSSIAN AID FOR ESTABLISHMENT HEAVY INDUSTRY.

NVI SYMPATHIZED WITH ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES
BUSINESSMEN AND GUILDS, WHICH BLAMED ON POLICIES SHAH'S
"COUP REGIME". SAID APPOINTMENT AS NEW FOREIGN MINISTER
NO HONOR FOR ARAM, SINCE IRAN'S FOREIGN POLICY DECIDED
BY AMERICAN AND BRITISH EMBASSIES, THEN TRANSMITTED
TO ROYAL COURT, WHICH PASSES ORDERS ALONG TO FOREIGN

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MINISTER. CLAIMED "NATIONAL AND PATRIOTIC CADRE" IN
FOREIGN OFFICE STRONGLY AGAINST WESTERN DOMINATION
MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS. NOTED DEPARTURE AMBASSADOR
HOLMES "TO PARTICIPATE IN SECRET DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN
SHAH AND US AUTHORITIES" DURING SHAH'S US VISIT.

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

1. ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN: IN PRESS CONFERENCE APR 8, MIN JUSTICE ALAMUTI ANSWERED CRITICISM OF RELEASE EX-MINISTERS ZARQAM AND ALAVI-MOQADAM (WEEKA 14) WITH STATEMENT THAT ACTION TAKEN WAS FULLY IN KEEPING WITH LAW AND DID NOT SIGNIFY ANY RELAXATION OF ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE. REPORTEDLY PROMISED INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN AND WIDESPREAD PURGE OF CORRUPT OFFICIALISM

CIVIL SERVANTS TRIBUNAL ORDERED FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF MIN ROADS CASE INVOLVING GEN HAJ ALI KIA, AFTER FINDING THAT CASE SUBMITTED WAS INCOMPLETE.

JVT ARRESTED THREE DIRECTORS OF SIVAND CONSTRUCTION CO., ON CHARGES OF MISAPPROPRIATING APPROXIMATELY 5 MILLION DOLLARS IN CONSTRUCTION OF SENATE BUILDING COMPLETED THREE YEARS AGO. (UNCLASSIFIED)

ALTHOUGH NOT REPORTED IN PRESS, GOVT ALSO ARRESTED ANOTHER MEMBER OF FIRM, MOHSEN FORUQI, (BROTHER OF ACTING FOR MIN MAHMUD FORUQI AND OF MASUD FORUQI, HEAD OF PRIMIN'S SECRETARIAT.) (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. DISTRIBUTION CROWN LANDS: IN TEHRAN APR 9 SHAH DISTRIBUTED TITLE DEEDS TO PEASANTS OF 39 CROWN VILLAGES IN GORGAN AREA. IN SPEECH, DIRECTOR RAM OF DEVELOPMENT BANK MADE STRONG PLEA FOR ADDITIONAL LOAN FUNDS TO SATISFY CREDIT NEEDS OF OWNERS. PRESS ACCOUNTS APR 10 INDICATED SHAH GAVE RESPONSIBILITY CREDIT COOPERATIVES IN CROWN VILLAGES (HITHERTO RESPONSIBILITY OF DEVELOPMENT BANK) TO AGRICULTURAL BANK

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JUST PRIOR DEPARTURE WASHINGTON. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: THIS APPARENTLY LAST FORMAL DISTRIBUTION SINCE
REMAINING CROWN LANDS REPORTEDLY CONSIST ONLY SCATTERED PLOTS OF LIMITED
AGRICULTURAL VALUE. DISTRIBUTION CROWN
LAND SINCE BEGINNING PROGRAM 1951 REPORTEDLY AffECTED
42,000 FARMING FAMILIES, 199,628 HECTARES, 517 VILLAGES.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

3. LAND REFORM: IN HIGH LEVEL MEETING APR 11 ARSANJANI
WON APPROVAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT REGIONAL AUTHORITIES WITH WIDE
POWERS TO IMPLEMENT LAND REFORM THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.
AUTHORITIES WILL CONSIST ONE CIVIL AND ONE MILITARY
REPRESENTATIVE EACH REGION. MEETING ATTENDED BY PRI
MIN, MIN JUSTICE AND CHIEFS ARMY, POLICE, GENDARMERIE
AND SAVAK.

AT AIRPORT CEREMONY ON DEPARTURE FOR U.S. APR 10
SHAH PRESENTED ARSANJANI WITH AUTOGRAPHED PORTRAIT AND
REQUESTED HIM "CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK" IN LAND REFORM.
ARSANJANI REPORTEDLY DEEPLY GRATIFIED BY SHAH'S GESTURE.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: SHAH'S ACTION PROBABLY CALCULATED ENHANCE
HIS IMAGE AS PROGRESSIVE REFORMER ON EVE WASHINGTON VISIT.
THIS "PAT ON BACK" ALSO BOOST TO GROWING PRESTIGE. ARSANJANI
WHICH ALSO REFLECTED IN HIS SUCCESS OBTAIN WIDER
POWERS IMPLEMENT LAND REFORM. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. CROP CONDITIONS: LOCUSTS AND LACK OF
RAINFALL HAVE CREATED SERIOUS CONDITIONS IN FARS AND
KHUZESTAN. GOI REPORTS DESPATCH INTO AREA OF OFFICIAL
DELEGATION HEADED BY MIN WITHOUT PORTFOLIO ZOFAQARI
TO EXAMINE SITUATION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: RECENT TRAVELERS TO SOUTHERN AREAS REPORT
CONDITIONS CRITICAL. GOI EXPECTED TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY
US ASSISTANCE WITH FOOD RELIEF DURING SHAH'S CURRENT
VISIT WASHINGTON. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

5. DEMISE OF IRANAIR IMMINENT: DEMISE OF
IRANAIR NOW CLOSE AT HAND AS RESULT REFUSAL COURT
GRANT INJUNCTION AGAINST GOVERNMENT HARASSMENT.
(WEEKA 13) ALTHOUGH IRANAIR HAS CONTINUED LIMITED DOMESTIC
OPERATION, IT HAS AUTHORIZED ITS PERSONNEL APPLY FOR
EMPLOYMENT NEW NATIONAL AIRLINE. IRANAIR'S AUTHORIZATION

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CONDUCT FLIGHTS ENDS APRIL 20. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: IRAN AIR PRESIDENT MET WITH PM APR 11 IN LAST EFFORT OBTAIN RELIEF. OUTCOME UNKNOWN BUT GENERAL FEELING EXISTS THAT AMINI WILL AUTHORIZE MOC ADEQUATE COMPENSATION TO 17-YEAR-OLD AIRLINE THAN OFFERED TO DATE. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

6. IRAN PAN AMERICAN OIL MAKES NEW OIL
STRIKE: IPAC ANNOUNCED NEW OIL STRIKE IN PERSIAN GULF OFF SHORE CONCESSION WHICH TESTING 7,000 B/D
(UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: IPAC INFORMED EMBASSY IT BELIEVES WELL HAS PENETRATED BURGAN SANDS, THE RICH STRUCTURE BEING EXPLOITED BY KUWAIT. IPAC NEGOTIATING WITH CONSORTIUM FOR USE LATTER'S KHARG ISLAND LOADING FACILITIES FOR EXPORT OIL WHICH THEY HOPE BEGIN LATTER PART 1962. MEANWHILE NIOC, EQUAL PARTNER IN IPAC WITH PAN AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM (STANDARD OF INDIANA) IS CURRENTLY SEEKING NY LOANS FINANCE ITS SHARE OPERATING EXPENSES ROUGHLY ESTIMATED AT \$1 MILLION PER MONTH. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. EXTERNAL
1ND SHAH'S VISIT: SHAH AND EMPRESS FARAH
DEPARTED APR 10 FOR ONE-WEEK STATE VISIT IN U.S.

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JOINT WEEKA 17

I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) FLOOD DISASTER: TEHRAN, OTHER PARTS OF IRAN, HAVE SUFFERED EXTENSIVE PROPERTY DAMAGE, LIVESTOCK LOSSES, AND SOME CROP DAMAGE FROM FLOODS FOLLOWING PROLONGED AND HEAVY RAINFALL. IN CAPITAL AREA PRESS REPORTED 16 DEATHS, MANY LEFT HOMELESS AND PROPERTY DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT 600 MILLION RIALS (\$8 MILLION). IRANIAN ARMY AND GENDARMERIE ASSISTING WITH RESCUE AND REHABILITATION EFFORT, AND PRIMIN AMINI HAS APPEALED TO PUBLIC FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL RELIEF FUND.

ON BEHALF OF USG CHARGE PRESENTED PRIMIN WITH RIAL EQUIVALENT OF \$5,000 CHECK APR 24. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) WHEAT ARRIVALS: SEVERAL SHIPS HAVE ARRIVED IRANIAN PORTS CARRYING ABOUT 30,000 TONS WHEAT UNDER LAST JANUARY'S 100,000 TON PL-480 AGREEMENT. ADDITIONAL 40,000 TONS EXPECTED BEFORE END APRIL AND TOTAL EXPECTED BY EARLY JUNE. (OFLUSE ONLY) COMMENT: ARRIVALS TIMELY IN EW CONTINUING SERIOUS GRAIN SHORTAGE PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY FARS AND KHUZESTAN PROVINCES. TOO EARLY ASSESS EFFECTS LAST WEEK'S EXTRAORDINARILY HEAVY PRECIPITATION. BELIEVED SOME RELIEF AFFORDED GRAIN CROPS KARDISTAN, AZERBAIJAN, AND POSSIBLY TEHRAN PLAIN, AND OUTLOOK UPLANS PASTURE IMPROVED. HOWEVER, EFFECTS HARMFUL IN SOUTH, WITH FLOODING AND LODGING OF GRAIN CROPS, WHICH ALREADY HIT BY DROUGHT AND LOCUSTS AS WELL AS SERIOUS LIVESTOCK LOSSES. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(3) PRIMIN DISTRIBUTES OWN ESTATES: WHILE ON CEREMONIAL VISIT TO MARAQEH LAND REFORM PROJECT (WEEKA 16) PRIMIN AMINI FILLED OUT DECLARATION FORMS VOLUNTEERING SOME OF OWN AGRICULTURAL HOLDINGS FOR DISTRIBUTION, INCLUDING PART OF VILLAGE NEAR TEHRAN AND SOME 400 HECTARES RICE LAND CILAN AREA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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COMMENT: DISTRIBUTION OF OWN ESTATES, WHICH OUT OF AREA COVERED BY PRESENT LAND REFORM PILOT PROJECTS, INTENDED REAFFIRM ADMINISTRATION'S SUPPORT LAND REFORM, ENHANCE AMINI'S PERSONAL STATUS AS REFORMER.

(OFLUSE)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

(1) SHAH'S VISIT: TILL LATE IN WEEK THIS STILL DOMINATED NEWS AND COMMENTARY. MOST PAPERS STILL HAIL VISIT AS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS, ENHANCING IRANIAN PRESTIGE ABROAD, ENSURING FOREIGN, ESPECIALLY U.S., ASSISTANCE IN IRAN'S DEVELOPMENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) BERLIN AND GERMANY: US-USSR TALKS STILL EVOKE CONSIDERABLE NEWS COVERAGE, BUT LITTLE COMMENT. POST TEHRAN AND TINY FARDA TAKE FOR GRANTED THAT U.S. PROPOSING SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSIONS INVOLVING, PRINCIPALLY, RECOGNITION E. GERMANY, AND STRESS FRENCH AND ESPECIALLY W. GERMAN OPPOSITION TO U.S. POSITION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN: SEVERAL SMALL PAPERS HAIL ARRESTS IN SENATE SCANDAL (WEEKA 15), SCREAM "OFF WITH THEIR HEADS". 2 PAPERS LAUD AMINI GOVT GTSINGLY DER ITS COURAGEOUS ACTIONS, THOUGH TWITTING IT FOR INSUFFICIENT FOLLOW-UP, AND ESPECIALLY FOR RELEASING PEOPLE UNPROSECUTED AFTER FEW MONTHS' DETENTION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) AMIN ESTATES: PRIMIN'S ACTION SIGNING OVER ESTATES TO GOVT FOR DISTRIBUTION CURIOUSLY EVOKED ALMOST NO EDITORIAL REACTION, THOUGH ETTELÄ AT HAILED MOVE AS "GREAT STRIDE FORWARD" IN LAND REFORM; FOR "UNLESS A LEADER DEDICATE HIMSELF TO THE CAUSE FOR WHICH HE SEEKS PUBLIC SUPPORT, NO GREAT ACHIEVEMENT SHOULD BE EXPECTED." (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

(1) RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN, /FREE VOICE OF IRAN: RM SAID MAIN PURPOSE SHAH'S VISIT WASHINGTON WAS REQUEST INCREASED AMERICAN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID OF PRES KENNEDY. SAID SHAH BELIEVES US AID HAS MIRACULOUS POWER TO HELP MONARCHY, BUT ACTUALLY SUCH "AID" IS TACTIC TO ENSLAVE "AIDED" COUNTRIES; CLAIMED PARA 511 OF MUTUAL SECURITY ACT MAKES THIS PLAIN BY PROVIDING FOR OUT-OFF OF AID IN EVENT RECIPIENT COUNTRIES FAIL CARRY OUT MILITARY OBLIGATIONS UNDER BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

NVI SAID SHAH FORCED CANCEL SKED VISIT L.A. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN ORDER AVOID IRANIAN STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS; SAID DESPITE THIS, STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED IN FRONT OF SHAH'S HOTEL WHEN SHAH AND QUEEN ARRIVED THERE. CLAIMED NEW 20-YEAR IRANO-US MUTUAL SECURITY AGREEMENT DISCUSSED BY SHAH AND KENNEDY; SAID LEASING OF BANDAR ABBAS PORT TO AMERICANS FOR 20 YEARS ALSO ARRANGED. HOWEVER, CLAIMED LACK OF SOLID FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESULTS FROM SHAH'S VISIT CAUSING DEEP PESSIMISM IN IRANIAN GOVT AS US, FOLLOWING IDEAS MR BOWLES, PAYING INCREASED ATTN NEUTRAL COUNTRIES. CLAIMED ARRIVAL FONMIN ARAM IN

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LONDON 8 DAYS BEFORE CENTO COUNCIL MEETING INDICATES INSTABILITY OF CENTO AND CONCERN OVER ITS POSS DISSOLUTION. CONTINUED CALL FOR VIOLENT OVERTHROW SHAH. (UNCLASSIFIED)

PEYK-E IRAN ALSO ATTACKED US VISIT AND REPORTED WIDESPREAD ANTI-SHAH DEMONSTRATIONS BY IRANIAN STUDENTS IN US.

FREE VOICE OF IRAN ANNOUNCED STATEMENT BY AHMAD RAZAVI, "MEMBER OF NF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE," THAT NF WILL ANNOUNCE GOVERNMENT IN EXILE IN VERY NEAR FUTURE, WITH OBJECT ESTABLISHMENT REICLIC HEADED BY MOSADEQ AND WITHDRAWAL FROM CENTO. HAILED ACTION AS "DAWN OF FREEDOM" AND CALLED FOR RENEWED UNITY IN PURSUING "HOLY WAR" TO OVERTHROW "TRAITORS SHAH, HIS EVIL FAMILY, AMINI, AND REACTIONARY RULING CLASS;" SAID "WE MUST ARREST, IMPRISON, AND TRY THEM, AND SEND THEM TO HELL."

III. MILITARY

A. ARMY
(1) CENTO CONFERENCE: GEN ABDOL HEJAZI, CHIEF SCS, IRANIAN MILITARY DELEGATE TO CENTO, DEPARTED TEHRAN 23 APR FOR LONDON CENTO CONFERENCE, 26 AND 27 APRIL. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. NAVY -NEGATIVE.

C. AIR FORCE -NEGATIVE

SIGNED ROCKWEL

ACTION: ACS

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I. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) STATEMENT OF AHMAD RAZAVI: NF CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBER AHMAD RAZAVI HELD PRESS CONF APRIL 27 IN GENEVA BAR IN WHICH HE REPEATED PREV WEEK'S DEMAND IN ATHENS FOR END TO IRANIAN MONARCHY AND ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNMENT IN EXILE. STATEMENT GIVEN MAJOR PLAY BY RADIO (FREE VOICE IRAN (CLANDESTINE CAIRO STATION) BUT NOT AS YET PICKED UP BY Sov STATIONS. (SECRET)

COMMENT: NF LEADERSHIP REPUDIATED RAZAVI AFTER SOME REPORTED INDECISION AND DISSENSION AS TO HOW DEAL WITH THIS RADICAL DEPARTURE ~~AS MODERATE LINE~~. NF AS PUZZLED AS EVERYONE ELSE OVER RAZAVI'S BEHAVIOR. HAS DECIDED HE IS EITHER CRAZY OR IN PAY OF SAVAK OR FOREIGNERS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) ANNIVERSARY KHANALI DEATH: MINED DERAKHSHEH AND ~~AS MODERATE LINE~~ HUNDREDS OTHERS, INCLUDING TEACHERS AND MIN OFFICIALS, PARTICIPATED MAY 2 WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT GRAVE OF DR. KHANALI, WHOSE DEATH ONE YEAR AGO IN TEACHERS' DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE MAJLIS WAS MAJOR FACTOR IN DOWNFALL SHARIF-EMAMI CABINET AND APPOINTMENT OF AMINI. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: GOVT APPARENTLY TOOK CHARGE ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY IN ORDER STEAL OPPOSITION THUNDER, PLACATE SYMPATHIZERS; ALSO TO SEEK DIVERT ATTENTION FROM FACT THAT POLICE MAJOR SHAHRESTANI, ACCUSED OF KHANALI'S SHOOTING, QUIETLY SUSPENDED, RELEASED WITHOUT PROSECUTION FOLLOWING HIGHLY PUBLICIZED ARREST. (CONF)

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(3) LOCUST CONTROL: IN FACE OF SEVERE LOCUST PLAGUE GOI HAS REQUESTED AND OBTAINED ASSISTANCE FROM US AND USSR. SOVS PROVIDING 5 COLT AN-2 AIRCRAFT AND CREWS FOR SPRAYING IN NORTHWEST IRAN. US HAS BROUGHT IN 4 CESSNA 185 AIRCRAFT, SPECIALLY FIGURED FOR SPRAYING, LEASED 2 MORE AND ARRANGED FOR LOAN OF 1 USAF TWIN-ENGINE C-123 AIRCRAFT. US EFFORT WILL BE CONCENTRATED IN SOUTHWESTERN IRAN. 32 SOVIET PERSONNEL ACCOMPANIED SOVIET AIRCRAFT; 5 AMERICAN PILOTS HAVE ARRIVED TO FLY CESSNAS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) NEW MANAGEMENT IRAN AIR: BY MEANS OF PURCHASE SHARES HELD BY AFSHAR FAMILY, IRAN NATIONAL AIRLINES CORPORATION HAS ASSURED CONTROL IRAN AIR. NOSRATOLLAH IQANI, INAC LAWYER, HAS BEEN NAMED MANAGING DIRECTOR. IRAN AIR HAS CONTINUED FLIGHT OPERATIONS INCLUDING MAJ FLIGHTS TO MECCA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: FOLLOWING LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS, GOVT BOUGHT OUT AFSHARS FOR UNDISCLOSED SUM. ULTIMATE FATE IRAN AIR UNCERTAIN BUT APPEARS IT WILL BE PERMITTED OPERATE AT LEAST UNTIL INAC IN POSITION TO CONDUCT NORMAL FLT OPERATIONS. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

II. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

(1) NUCLEAR TESTS: FULL NEWS COVERAGE, MEDIUM COMMENT. ANTI-SOV FARMAN THREE TIMES SUPPORTED RESUMPTION AS NECESSARY TO RESTORE BALANCE POWER. SETAREH TEHRAN CONDEMNED IN PRINCIPLE, BUT NOTED MARKED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN U.S. APOLOGETIC RELUCTANCE, SOVIET INDIFFERENCE. FOUR OTHER SMALL PAPERS SCARED, CURSE BOTH HOUSES; JOINED BY MAJOR DAILY KAYHAN, WHICH NOTED U.S. ADDUCES SAME EXCUSES FOR RESUMPTION AS SOVIETS, SAID REASONS IN BOTH CASES "UNREASONABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE." OTHER MAJOR DAILY, ETTELA'AT, AVOIDED TAKING SIDES, BUT IMPLIED SOV'S BREAKING MORATORIUM TIPPED SCALES IN U.S. INTERNAL ARGUMENT OVER PROS, CONS OF RESUMPTION. SAID "TIRING DISCUSSIONS" AT GENEVA HAVE BECOME "NOTHING BUT FARCE." (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: FAIRLY WIDESPREAD GENERAL AWARENESS FACT OF U.S. RESUMPTION Owing RADIO COVERAGE (BELLOW), THOUGH LITTLE UNDERSTANDING ISSUES EXCEPT AMONG WELL EDUCATED. EVEN THERE, CONSIDERABLE DISAPPROVAL, INCLUDING THOSE WHO RECOGNIZE NECESSITY U.S. ACTION. LESS EDUCATED SHOW MUCH APPREHENSION. REMARKABLE NUMBER LOWER CLASS BLAME FLOODS ON AMERICAN TESTS, WHICH CAME AFTER RAINS. MOST PERSONS TOO OCCUPIED WITH STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE TO BOTHER WITH TESTING PROBLEM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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(2) CENTO: LONDON MEETING GIVEN THOROUGH FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE, SCANT COMMENT. THREE SMALL PAPERS SUPPORT CENTO. IN ONLY MAJOR COMMENT, ETELAT SAID U.S. MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE UNNECESSARY BURDEN FOR U.S.; UNIFIED COMMAND NOT REALLY AN IMPORTANT ISSUE; IT IS NONMILITARY FIELD WHERE CENTO CAN BE MOST USEFUL, ESPECIALLY IN FIELD OF COMMUNICATIONS, WHERE CENTO HAS SO FAR DONE NOTHING IMPORTANT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) GENEVA TALKS: ALMOST NO COVERAGE OR COMMENT (BUT SEE (1), ETELAT COMMENT). PEYQAM EMRUZ DARKLY PREDICTED FAILURE, SAID EVEN IF ONLY WISE MEN AND THINKERS GATHERED AT CONFERENCE TABLE, THEY WOULD LACK POWER TO PUT THEIR DECISIONS INTO PRACTICE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

(1) TESTING: RADIO IRAN GAVE FULL NEWS COVERAGE. TWO LONG COMMENTARIES FULLY SUPPORTED US POS, OUTLINED REASONING WHICH FORCED U.S. TO "RELUCTANT" RESUMPTION TESTING. (UNCLASS)

(2) RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/FREE VOICE OF IRAN/ PEYK-E-IRAN: RM QUOTED IRANIAN NEWSPAPERS AS CONDEMNING U.S. RESUMPTION NUCLEAR TESTS, CITED TAJADOD-E-IRAN AS SAYING ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION BASES UNNECESSARY FOR ATOMIC TEST BAN AGREEMENT. ATTACKED AMERICAN ADVISORS IN IRAN AS HAVING CAUSED MORE MISFORTUNES THAN MONGOL INVASION; CALLED FOR THEIR OUSTER FROM GOVT DEPARTMENTS. (UNCLAS)

NVI (USSR-BASED CLANDESTINE RADIO) ATTACKED AMERICAN MIL ADVISORS, ACCUSING THEM OF CONSTRUCTING INSTALLATIONS FOR U.S. AGGRESSION AGAINST USSR. QUOTED GEN HAYDEN ASSAYING, DURING CEREMONY INAUGURATING "MISSILE INSTALLATION" NEAR SHAHPUR, THAT WHILE US-BUILT INSTALLATIONS TURNED OVER TO IRANIANS, THEY PRIMARILY INTENDED FULFILL "OUR COMMON MILITARY GOALS AND WE WILL USE THEM ANY TIME NECESSARY." CLAIMED IT OBVIOUS US INSTALLATIONS AND "MISSILES" IN IRAN UNDER DIRECT CONTROL US COMMANDERS LIKE GEN HAYDEN, NOT THEIR SERVANT-SHAH. SAID LONDON CENTO CONFERENCE FEATURED DISPUTE OVER APPOINTMENT SINGLE CENTO MILITARY COMMANDER; SAID "CO GIMES" OF SHAH, AYUB KHAN AND GURSELN FEARING PROGRESSIVE ELEMENTS IN OWN COUNTRIES, SEEK MORE DIRECT US PARTICIPATION CENTO AND APPOINTMENT AMERICAN GEN AS COMMANDER: BUT US REFUSING. DUE TO OPPOSITION OF BRITISH WHO DESIRE CONTINUE LEAD CENTO, AND FEAR OF REACTION OF INDIA, ARAB STATES, OTHER NEUTRAL AFRO-ASIAN NATIONS. CLAIMED BANDAR ABBAS PORT TO BE TURNED OVER TO US FOR NAVAL INSTALLATION FOR ATOMICALLY-ARMED SUBMARINES; SAID THIS FURTHER OUTRAGE BY "MISCEGENATED QAJAR-PAHLAVI" REGIME OF AMINI-SHAH,

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WHICH ALREADY GIVING IRANIAN OIL TO ALIENS AND ACCEDING TO
BRITISH RULE OVER IRAN'S PROVINCE BAHREIN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

PEYK-E-IRAN (EAST GERMAN BASED RADIO) SAID NEITHER IRANIAN NOR AMERICAN PRESS CAN HIDE SHAH-AMINI DIFFERENCES. CLAIMED SHAH PRESSURED BY US TO APPOINT AMINI AND IS "JUSTIFIABLY REPROACHFUL" ABOUT NOT BEING INFORMED OF US PLANS FOR IRAN. CRITICIZED LAND REFORM ARTICLE AS VERY LIMITED, QUOTING MARDEM ARTICLE AS SAYING ONLY THREE THOUSAND VILLAGES OF FIFTY THOUSAND TO BE AFFECTED "IF AND WHEN" LAND REFORM IMPLEMENTED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

FREE VOICE OF IRAN (BEGIN SECRET, UAR-BASED CLANDESTINE RADIO, END SECRET) CONTINUED CONCENTRATE ON ANNOUNCEMENT BY AHMAD RAZAVI, FORMER MAJLIS DEPUTY AND MOSADEQ SUPPORTER, OF NATIONAL FRONT INTENTION ESTABLISH A REPUBLIC GOVT IN EXILE UNDER DR. MOSADEQ. CALLED ON IRANIAN PEOPLE SUPPORT AND CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY GOVT IN EXILE, WHILE REFUSING SUPPORT AND REFRAINING FROM PAYING TAXES TO "PRESENT RULERS." CONTINUED CALL FOR "HOLY WAR," UNTIL "FREE GOVT" MOVES TO TEHRAN AND "OUR NATIONAL LEADER" DR MOSADEQ ASSUMES POWER. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: NVI NOW CHARACTERIZING PAKISTANI AND TURKISH GOVT AS "COUP REGIMES" LIKE IRAN. COMMUNIST RADIOS THUS FAR REFRAIN FROM TAKING UP FREE VOICE OF IRAN'S GOVT IN EXILE STORY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. MILITARY

A. ARMY

(1) TRIBAL UNREST: IN CONNECTION WITH IMPENDING VISIT ARMA TO GHASHGAI AREA, J-2 STAFF OFFICERS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SECURITY IN AREA BECAUSE OF TRIBAL UNREST AGGRAVATED BY RECENT DROUGHT CONDITIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH RECENT RAINS HAVE IMPROVED UPLAND PASTURE PROSPECTS, CONDITIONS IN TRIBAL AREA HAVE BEEN SERIOUS ENOUGH TO WARRANT GOVT CONCERN. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) REINFORCEMENT OF BORDER: IIA REPORTS KURDS ENGAGED 100 IRAQI POLICE ACROSS BORDER FROM IRAN IN TOWN OF MARIVAN ON 1 MAY. IIA DESPATCHED ONE ADDITIONAL INFANTRY COMPANY 1 MAY TO REINFORCE BORDER UNITS IN AREA. IIA FORCE IN AREA TOTALS 1 INF BN, 2 INF CO, 1-105 FA BATTERY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SITUATION REPORTEDLY FAVORS KURDS, IRAN GOVT
ATTEMPTING PREVENT CROSSING OF IRAQI KURDS INTO IRAN. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) CENTO (SEE PRESS A-2)

(4) ARMISH/MAAG (SEE RADIO B-2 NVI)

B. NAVY-NEGATIVE.

C. AIR FORCE (SEE POLITICAL A-3,4)

SGD ROCKWELL

ACTION: ACS I

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JOINT WEEKA 19.

1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) PRIMIN'S PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA - SHAH'S RETURN FROM U.S.: PRIMIN DEPARTED MAY 9, JOINING 14,000 IRANIAN PILGRIMS TO MECCA. PLANS CONFER INFORMALLY WITH SAUDI MONARCH, RETURN ABOUT MAY 20. FONMIN ARAM, WHO RETURNED MAY 7 FROM LONDON CENTO CONFERENCE, IN CAPACITY ACTING PRIMIN, WILL WELCOME SHAH AND EMPRESS ON THEIR RETURN TEHRAN MAY 10. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: PILGRIMAGE SHOULD STRENGTHEN SUPPORT FOR AMINI WITH CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS-MINDED MASSES. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(2) AMINI COMPLETES YEAR AS PRIMIN: ON MAY 6 AMINI MARKED ANNIVERSARY ACCESSION AS PRIMIN. IN PRESS INTERVIEW INDICATED ELECTIONS FAR OFF, MUST AWAIT ELIMINATION CORRUPTION, PREVENTION ELECTION RIGGING BY GOVERNMENT AND SECURITY OFFICIALS, AND EDUCATION OF PUBLIC IN DEMOCRACY. ASSERTED "HIGH-LEVEL CORRUPTION" CUT 60 PERCENT DURING YEAR IN OFFICE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) ANTI-CORRUPTION: IN RADIO ADDRESS TO NATION ON EVE SECOND YEAR IN OFFICE PRIMIN AMINI DECLARED LARGE MEASURE CORRUPTION IN UPPER LEVELS OF GOVT STOPPED. ANSWERED CHARGES OF ARRESTING, THEN RELEASING HIGH OFFICIALS, WITH STATEMENT, "I SHALL HAVE LAST WORD IN FACE OF THESE CRITICS." TRIAL DATE FOR MAJ. GEN. HAJ ALI KIA, FORMER CHIEF ARMY INTELLIGENCE, SET FOR MAY 17. KIA AND SIX ACCUSED ACCOMPLICES ARE CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL PRIVATE USE OF MIN ROADS PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT, FORGING LAND TITLE DEEDS AND MISAPPROPRIATION PUBLIC FUNDS. TRIAL SCHEDULED IS REPORTEDLY FIRST OF SERIES WHICH WILL INCLUDE CASES AGAINST OFFICIALS FROM TEHRAN

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ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY, STATE PROCUREMENT STORE STATE RAILWAYS, AND UNITED BUS COMPANY.

DURING WEEK COURT ALSO ISSUED ARREST WARRANT FOR RAHIM ALI KHOARAM, ASPHALT ROAD CONTRACTOR ACCUSED OF PASSING BAD CHECK FOR 400,000 RIALS (\$5.3 THOUSAND); ATTACHED KHOARAM'S PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH SETTLEMENT OF (ACCORDINGLY PRESS) 180 MILLION RIAL (\$2.4 MILLION) CLAIM BY TEHRAN MUNICIPALITY WHICH ALLEGES KHOARAM'S COMPANY SUBMITTED FORGED RECEIPTS IN CONNECTION WITH PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACTS. KHOARAM IS REPORTEDLY IN EUROPE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) LAND REFORM: NOTICES FILED MAY 6 TWO NEW AREAS GIVING LANDLORDS 40 DAYS TO DECLARE HOLDINGS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF LAND REFORM LAW: RAMAND AREA NEAR QAZVIN AND LASHT NESHA-KUCHESFAHAN AREA NEAR GILAN. MIN AGR ARSANJANI HAS DECLARED THAT LAND DISTRIBUTION PROCEEDINGS WILL BE STARTED FIVE MORE AREAS, EACH IN DIFFERENT PROVINCE, WITHIN NEXT THREE MONTHS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: TWO NEW AREAS MUCH SMALLER THAN MARAQEH PILOT PROJECT AND AUTHORITIES DO NOT ANTICIPATE PROBLEMS IN DISTRIBUTION. IN GILAN RICE-GROWING AREA, MOST OF VILLAGES HELD BY PRIMIN AMINI (WEEKA 17) AND A RETIRED GENERAL, WHO HAVE ALREADY DECLARED INTENTION TO DISTRIBUTE THESE LANDS; IN QAZVIN GRAPE-WHEAT-BARLEY AREA, ONE OF 16 VILLAGES INVOLVED REPORTED READY FOR ACTUAL DISTRIBUTION NEXT FEW DAYS. EXTENSION LAW THESE RELATIVELY EASY AREAS HAS VIRTUE OF GIVING APPEARANCE MOMENTUM LAND REFORM MOVEMENT WITHOUT STRAINING ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(5) IMF CONSULTATIONS: IMS TEAM ARRIVED TEHRAN MAY 3 FOR ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS WITH CENTRAL BANK RE CREDIT, FISCAL SITUATION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: CHIEF PROBLEM IS WHETHER TO RENEW FORMAL STABILIZATION AGREEMENT WITH IMS, WHICH EXPIRED MARCH 20. CENTRAL BANK WOULD LIKE IMF BACKING IN EFFORT STAVE OFF RAID ON CREDIT RESOURCES BY PUBLIC AGENCIES NOW EXPERIENCING EXTREME FISCAL DIFFICULTIES OWING DROP-OFF IN REVENUES, UNPAID BILLS, INTRACTABLE EXPENDITURE OBLIGATIONS. IMF ENDORSEMENT OF A NEW PROGRAM WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER IRANIAN AUTHORITIES CAN CONVINCE TEAM THERE IS REALISTIC PROSPECT HOLDING COMBINED CREDIT TO PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS WITHIN BOUNDS, CONSIDERING HEAVY PRESSURE FROM BOTH SECTORS. (OFLUSE)

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(1) U.S. NUCLEAR TESTS: ROUTINE FRONT PAGE PRESS COVERAGE. MAJOR DAILY ETTELA'AT PROCLAIMED U.S. TESTS JUSTIFIED IN LIGHT OF SOVIET PERfidY, NOTING THE TESTS HELP MAINTAIN U.S. POWER POSITION AND RESTRIAN SOVIETS FROM RASH UNILATERAL ACTION. OF TWO SMALL PAPERS COMMENTING, ONE DISAPPROVES, OTHER SAYS TESTS RAISE U.S. PRESTIGE AS THEY DEMONSTRATE U.S. DETERMINED STAND FIRM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: THIS NOT MUCH OF AN ISSUE. THOUGH MOST PROBABLY DISAPPROVE ALL TESTS ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES, SOVIET TESTS MAKE MOST PEOPLE TEND TO SHRUG AT OURS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) CENTO MEETING: CONTINUED GOOD COVERAGE, SCANT COMMENT, NONE OF IT HOSTILE. TWO PAPERS NOTE NEED FOR FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF IRAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) NATO MEETING: SCANT COMMENT. ETTELA'AT APPLAUSED, AS STRENGTHENING NATO, COORDINATION OF ATOMIC POWER AND ESPECIALLY STRESS ON DEVELOPMENT CONVENTIONAL FORCES. POST TEHRAN, NOTING VIGOROUS NATO ACTION, OPINED USSR WOULD REACT AND HOPED THIS WOULD NOT LEAD TO WAR. MARD MOBAREZ SAW IN MEETING ONLY A CONFIRMATION OF U.S. BERLIN POLICY, CALLED ON WEST TO MAKE CONCESSIONS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) IRAN-USSR: BOTH MAJOR PAPERS CARRIED SERIES OF ARTICLES DIRECTLY ATTACKING USSR, SAYING SOVIETS CONCEAL FROM OUTSIDE WORLD TRUTH ABOUT LOW STANDARDS OF LIVING, LACK OF FREEDOM, USING FALSIFIED STATISTICS, ETC., ETC. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: THIS TYPE COMMENT OCCURS SPORADICALLY. SIMULTANEOUS APPEARANCE BOTH MAJOR PAPERS CLEAR INDICATION ITEMS FED TO PAPERS BY SOME ELEMENT OF GOVT WITH ORDERS TO PRINT. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(5) AMINI GOVT: 9 OF 10 SMALL PAPERS COMMENTING ON OCCASION OF FIRST ANNIVERSARY AMINI GOVT GENERALLY APPROVED, THOUGH SOME WITH STRONG "BUTS," ESPECIALLY ON SUBJECT OF GOVT'S CONSISTENT REFUSAL TO HOLD ELECTIONS. EVEN IRREVERENT, ICONOCLASTIC, AND INFLUENTIAL KHANDANIHA AND BAMSHAD GRUDGINGLY NOTED AMINI A CUT ABOVE ANY PREDECESSORS. NORMALLY SOUR DIPLOMAT COMMENDED GOVT'S COURAGE AND REJOICED THAT RECENTLY PRESS HAS SUPPORTED GOVT AND REFRAINED FROM ANY CRITICISM. ERADEH AZARBAIJAN CONDEMNED ALL, CRIED DICTATOR. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: DIPLOMAT COMMENT ON PRESS SUPPORT NOT ENTIRELY CORRECT, BUT CLOSELY APPROACHES TRUTH. THOUGH PRAISE GRUDGINGLY GIVEN, PRESS HAS SHOWN REMARKABLE RESTRAINT. (UNCLAS) DA IN 229652

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B. RADIO

(1) RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN/FVI: RM BROADCAST STANDARD ATTACK ON CENTO, AMINI, SHAH, AND AMERICANS IN IRAN. SAID CENTO LEADERS ATTEMPT HIDE ITS AGGRESSIVE NATURE BEHIND SO-CALLED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, BUT COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING LONDON SESSIONS ESTIMATED THAT "ECONOMIC ACTIVITY" MEANS ONLY CONSTRUCTION MILITARY PROJECTS; SAID IRANIAN PEOPLE GRATIFIED OBSERVE US-RUSSIAN COOPERATION COMBATTING LOCUSTS, AND DEMAND MORE SUCH COOPERATION AND ENDING OF CENTO-INTENSIFIED COLD WAR AND ARMAMENTS RACE. CRITICIZED AMINI FOR CLAIMING PROGRESS DURING TENURE AS PRIME MINISTER WHILE "DISTORTING" LIVING CONDITIONS IN USSR IN RECENT SPEECH; SUGGESTED AMINI "ACT LIKE PREMIER," TAKE SERIOUS ACTION TOWARDS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REFORMS. SAID SHAH'S RECENT WORDS CREATING PICTURE OF PROSPEROUS IRANIAN PEOPLE ARE NONSENSE; CLAIMED SHAH ONLY THINKING OF PRESERVING OWN THRONE, WHILE PERMITTING FOREIGNERS STEAL IRANIAN WEALTH. ALLEGED THAT AMERICAN MILITARY ADVISERS HAVE AUTHORITY OVER ALL APPOINTMENTS, TRANSFERS, PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS IN IRANIAN ARMY, AND LAST YEAR DISMISSED ABOUT 400 OFFICERS UNDER GUISE OF "RETIREMENT." RECALLED "SHAMEFUL" SITUATION IN WHICH U.S. SGT. ADAMS RAN OVER AND KILLED FORMER MAJLIS DEPUTY MAHMUDI AND ALLEGEDLY WAS LATER EXONERATED, DESPITE HIS GUILT, SIMPLY BECAUSE HE WAS AMERICAN; CLAIMED AMERICAN ADVISORS DISREGARD ALL IRANIAN REGULATIONS, EVEN KIDNAPPING AND RAPING IRANIAN WOMEN ON THE STREETS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

USSR-BASED CLANDESTINE NATIONAL VOICE OF IRAN CONTINUED ATTACK SHAH'S TRIP TO AMERICA TO "BEG FOR WEAPONS" AND RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS U.S. "MASTERS;" CONTINUED CLAIM SHAH'S VISIT ACCELERATED FOLLOWING AMINI'S FAILURE TO OBTAIN "ALMS" IN EUROPE. CLAIMED SHAH INTERESTED ONLY IN MILITARY BUILDUP, HAS NOT SHOWN SYMPATHY FOR FLOOD VICTIMS, WHILE EVEN FOREIGNERS HAVE BEEN SYMPATHETIC; CRITICIZED AMINI AND GOVT FOR REQUESTING FINANCIAL HELP FOR FLOOD RELIEF DESPITE VAST RESOURCES OF IRAN AND WEALTH OF ROYAL FAMILY. CRITICIZED FAILURE TO CONTAIN LOCUSTS, BUT SAID EVEN MORE DANGEROUS TO IRAN IS "PLAQUE OF LOCUSTS FROM AMERICA" IN FORM OF "EXPERTS AND ADVISORS;" REFLECTED RM LINE ABOUT OUTRAGEOUS CONDUCT AMERICANS IN IRAN. SNEERED AT AMINI'S MECCA PILGRIMAGE, SAYING DOLLARS AND POUNDS, KENNEDY AND QUEEN ELIZABETH AMINI'S ACTUAL GODS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

EAST GERMAN PEYK-E IRAN ALSO BELITTLED AMINI PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA, CHARGED THAT TRIP PROVES SHAH COMMISSIONED BY KENNEDY "TO DRAG SAUDI ARABIA AND JORDAN INTO CENTO." (UNCLASSIFIED)

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FREE VOICE OF IRAN (BEGIN SECRET, UAR-BASED CLANDESTINE
RADIO, END SECRET) CONTINUED CURRENT LINE SUPPORTING "OUR NEW
GOVT IN EXILE ESTABLISHED BY NATIONAL FRONT MEMBERS,"
VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF SHAH AND AMINI AND THE INSTALLATION OF
DR. MOSADEQ AS PRESIDENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. Political.
A. Internal

(1) Shah back in Tehran: Shah returned from US visit May 10; visited flood-damaged areas South Tehran May 15, warmly greeted by largely spontaneous crowds, among whom he walked freely with minimum escort. (UNCLASSIFIED)

FonMin Aram told Charge Shah extremely gratified at US Gov and public reception, while less pleased over US handling mil assistance proposal, due Shah's impression he not consulted beforehand re its specifics; Shah intends discuss certain "desirable changes" with JCS team scheduled visit Tehran. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) Credit relaxation: IMF annual consultations (WEEKA 19) ended with essential agreement on relaxation of credit restrictions Iranian year 1341. Central Bank Program will allow net expansion bank credit to both public and private sectors of 7 billion Rials (about 11 per cent) compared 3.5 billion Rials (6 per cent) last year. Public sector will get new credits 1.51 to 2 billion Rials, instead of being required retire debt as in 1340. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Comment: IMF considers relaxation a one-time effort to revive lagging private sector, help with Government's fiscal difficulties this year. Standby credit not renewed because of improvement in foreign exchange reserves, but IMF has agreed give written endorsement to Central Bank Program to help bank stave off largescale raid by hard-pressed public agencies. (See EmbDes 524, 525) (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

(3) Anti-corruption: Five former land registration officials convicted May 14 of fraud and misappropriation of municipal land in Northern Tehran. Six others acquitted. Heaviest sentence was two years imprisonment and fine of \$9.3 thous. equiv.

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During week Tehran municipality filed charges against 52 persons accused of taking illegal possession city lands located Southern Tehran and of obstructing water courses thereon, thereby exacerbating recent flood damage. Min Justice seized property of every tobacco monopoly officials accused of misappropriating approximately \$4.1 million equiv. Also attached property of Gen. Haj Ali Kia and two associates involved in min roads case.

Press also reported arrests of several minor officials involved in misappropriation of Min Education funds. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) Ebtehaj case: Final defense statement of former Plan Org Director Abdol Hasan Ebtehaj filed with Civil Servants Tribunal May 12. Case now reportedly referred to Supervisory Magistrate for decision regarding prosecution or release.

Comment: Ebtehaj, allegedly accused of wasting Govt funds and exceeding authority, completed sixth month in prison May 11. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(5) Disclosure of oil profits study disturbs OPEC: Tehran newspaper May 16 front-paged item which recently appeared in American petroleum intelligence weekly disclosing details of oil company profits study prepared for organization petroleum reporting countries by ex-employee of ENI, Italian state oil company. Study stated private oil company profits in Middle East excessive, varying from 22 percent to 64 percent on invested capital, depending on basis of calculation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comments: Emb learned confidentially OPEC Sec Gen Rouhani wrote sharp letter to Wanda Jablonski, editor Petroleum Intelligence Weekly, vigorously protesting publication this confidential document. Rouhani also wrote manager oil consortium expressing regret that piecemeal info had come to oil companies in this unauthorized fashion. Letter emphasized several studies on oil operations prepared for OPEC, all of which would be considered by organization in due time. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(6) Land reform: Wide publicity given two ceremonies in connection small land distribution projects announced last week. (WEEKA 19) In May 11 ceremony, Min DA IN 232458-S

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Agr. Arsanjani received title deed and paid first installment to landlord volunteering distribute one of 16 villages Ramin district near Qazvin. Similar ceremony May 15 involved Kuchesfahan area near Rasht. Arsanjani reported to Shah on progress land reform in May 14 audience. Later he announced Shah would visit Qazvin for distribution ceremony May 24 and Arsanjani's visit to Europe for medical treatment postponed until June.

Publicity also given to fiery Arsanjani statement announcing seizure of estates of Raraqheh area. Landlord accused evading land reform law. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While no large-scale activity going on, Arsanjani appears successful in keeping issue before public and giving impression continued momentum. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. Psychological

A. Press

(1) Laos: Most papers review events leading to new crisis, warn possibility struggle may spread, enveloping whole world. Azhang, Ettela'At score U.S. for mistake in toppling Prince Phouma's neutral government. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) Shah's return: Nearly unanimous editorial tributes to Shah for increasing Iranian prestige abroad, strengthening

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ECONOMIC, MORAL TIES WITH U.S. CITE LARGE WELCOME-HOME CROWDS
AS INDICATION DEEP AFFECTION PEOPLE FOR HIM. (UNCLASSIFIED)
COMMENT: ENTHUSIASM MAY HAVE BEEN GENUINE BUT BULK OR CROWD
TRANSPORTED HOME TRUCK TO INSURE WELCOME ALONG RETURN ROUTE
FROM MEHRABAD. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(3) IRANO-SOVIET RELATIONS: ETTELA'AT RECOUNTS SOVIET
FAILURES IN AFRICA WHILE KAYHAN, MARDE MQBAREZ BLAST THEM FOR
REPEATED RADIO AND PRESS ATTACKS ON ISLAM AND KORAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) ANTI-CORRUPTION: SPATE OF COMMENT SMALLER PAPERS THAT
ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE SEEMS TO BE GAINING MOMENTUM, EVINCING SOME
HOPE BUT STILL QUESTIONING WHEREABOUTS FEW MAJOR NAMES AND CONTINUED
DETENTION EBTEHAJ. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(5) GOVT CARS: MOST PAPERS PRAISE ANNOUNCED INTENTION
WITHDRAW ALL GOVT CARS FROM POSSESSION GOVT OFFICIALS BELOW
MINISTERIAL RANK. MASLAK, MEHR-E-IRAN DEMAND WITHDRAWAL ORDER
ALSO INCLUDE PLAN ORG, MUNICIPALITY AND OIL COMPANY.

B. RADIO

(1) RADIO IRAN: EDITORIALLY QUIET, EXCEPT FOR FULSOME
PRAISE SUCCESS SHAH'S U.S. VISIT, MILD SUPPORT U.S. DECISION LAND
MARINES THAILAND. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN/FREE VOICE OF IRAN:
RM, IN VEILED THREAT, CITED "ETERNAL FRIENDSHIP" IRANIAN-SOVIET
PEOPLES, SAYING THEY JOINED IN FIGHT AGAINST GERMAN WORLD WAR II
FASCISM, AND "WILL JOIN AGAIN IF THOSE INTERESTED IN MILITARY
ADVENTURES INSIST ON CARRYING OUT THEIR INSANE PLANS." IRANIAN
DEFECTOR MAJOR MORAVI SNEERED AT GOVT EFFORTS OBTAIN FORMER
HIGH OFFICIALS' LOOT FROM FOREIGN BANKS; SAID WILL COME TO

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NAUGHT, SINCE AMINI AND OTHER LEADERS HAVE OWN MONEY DEPOSITED
ABROAD.

CLANDESTINE, USSR-BASED NVI SAID AMINI, "WHO NEVER THINKS
OF ISLAM" ACTUALLY WENT TO MECCA TO FORM A "TEHRAN-MECCA
REACTIONARY OIL AXIS" WITH KING SAUD, IN ORDER PROTECT ARRANGE-
MENTS WITH IMPERIALISTS AND THWART MID EAST NATIONALISM.
CLAIMED SHAH IN US AGREED TO NEW SECRET ADDITION TO BILATERAL
AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH US MILITARY ADVISORS WILL ENJOY IMMUNITY
FROM IRANIAN LEGAL PROCESS, ON GROUNDS ANY OFFENSE COMMITTED
BY THEM CONSIDERED AS WHILE ON DUTY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

EAST-GERMAN-BASED PEYK-E IRAN CRITICIZED OF LENIENCY
AND CAUTION TOWARDS REGIME; IN FIRST NOTED MENTION BY ANY
COMMUNIST RADIO OF RAZAVI ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOVT-IN-EXILE,
PROFESSED IGNORANCE OF DETAILS BUT TENTATIVELY PRAISED
RAZAVI FOR ABANDONING TIMIDITY AND VOICING THE PEOPLE'S
DESIRE FOR A REPUBLIC. URGED UNION OF TUDEH PARTY WITH
NATIONAL FRONT TO END "SHAH'S BLACK DICTATORSHIP."

FREE VOICE OF IRAN (BEGIN SECRET UAR-BASED CLANDESTINE
END SECRET) CALLED ON "FREEDOM-LOVING ARMY OFFICERS
AND SOLDIERS" TO OVERTHROW "TRAITOROUS" SHAH AND RULING
CLASS AND RESCUE "OUR HOMELAND" FROM THE IMPERIALISTS AND
FROM NUCLEAR WAR. CLAIMED SHAH DISGRACED BY HOSTILE
RECEPTION IRANIAN STUDENTS IN US, WHICH SHOWED US HOW
IRANIANS REALLY REGARD HIM, WHILE BEHIND HIS BACK IN IRAN
AMINI WORKED TO STRENGTHEN SELF AT SHAH'S EXPENSE. (UNCLAS)

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1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) PRIMIN OUTLINES FISCAL PROBLEMS, QUERIES RE
U.S. AID POLICY: FOLLOWING PRIMIN'S MAY 19 RETURN FROM MECCA
CHARGE CALLED ON MAY 22 TO EXPRESS U.S. CONCERN OVER REPORTS
OF UNMANAGEABLE BUDGET DEFICIT THIS YEAR; PRIMIN DESCRIBED
CURRENT FISCAL PROBLEMS AT LENGTH AND QUERIED RE POSSIBILITIES
U.S. AID. SAID HE WOULD NOW DEVOTE FULL ATTENTION TO WORK ON
OVERDUE BUDGET, WHICH DIFFICULT IN VIEW U.S. DECISION NOT TO
PROVIDE FURTHER BUDGETARY SUPPORT FOR MILITARY, SHAH'S
INSISTENCE MILITARY NOT BE CUT FURTHER, AND CERTAIN UNAVOIDABLE
INCREASES CIVILIAN SIDE (LAND REFORM, POLICE PAY RAISES, ETC.).
MENTIONED FOLLOWING CONCRETE STEPS:

(1) PRIMIN HAS ASKED MIN COMMERCE AMUZEGAR BECOME MIN FINANCE WITH
INSTRUCTIONS BRING EXPENDITURES CLOSER TO RESOURCE AVAILABILITIES;

(2) SPECIAL TAX ON GOVT SALARIES TO BE RAISED FROM 3 PERCENT TO 7
PERCENT;

(3) WORK TO BE RESUMED ON GOVT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
CLOSE TO COMPLETION TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT;

(4) EFFORT WOULD BE MADE FLOAT GOVT BOND ISSUE. SAID IT WOULD
BE DIFFICULT REALIZE MORE YIELD FROM DIRECT TAXES BEFORE PRESENT
RECESSION REVERSED BY SOME PUMP PRIMING. (CONFIDENTIAL)

PRIMIN ASKED WHETHER, IF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET SHOWED "REASONABLE"
DEFICIT, THERE WAS HOPE GETTING LONG-TERM U.S. GENERAL PURPOSE
LOAN, POINTING OUT THAT PROJECT LOANS HAD ONLY DELAYED ECONOMIC
EFFECT. CHARGE, WHILE REITERATING U.S. INTENTION PROVIDE
FUTURE ASSISTANCE IN FORM PROJECT LOANS RATHER THAN DIRE

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ASSISTANCE TO MILITARY BUDGET, STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CONVINCING EFFORT MAINTAIN FISCAL DISCIPLINE AND SAID THAT WHEN BUDGET IN FINAL FORM, U.S. WOULD EXAMINE SITUATION TO SEE WHAT HELP POSSIBLE WITHIN CURRENT AID CRITERIA. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) DEFAULT ON PL-480 COMMITMENT: GOI ON MAY 15 DEFAULTED ON COMMITMENT TO LIQUIDATE 1960 PL-480 AGREEMENT OBLIGATIONS BY MEANS OF FINAL PAYMENT \$8.1 MILLION RIAL EQUIVALENT. CHARGE IN MAY 22 CALL ON PRIMIN NOTED DEFAULT HAD NO DOUBT MADE VERY UNFAVORABLE IMPRESSION WASHINGTON IN VIEW SPECIAL FUNDING ARRANGEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN MADE AND NEW AGREEMENT WHICH HAD BEEN SIGNED UPON EXPRESS CONDITION AND ASSURANCE OF PRIMIN PERSONALLY THAT PAST OBLIGATIONS WOULD BE LIQUIDATED. PRIMIN REPLIED HE WOULD "BREAK HIS HEAD" IN EFFORT MAKE THIS PAYMENT, BUT AT SAME TIME OUTLINED EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FINANCIAL SITUATION OF GOI WHICH FACING CRITICAL PROBLEM HOW TO FIND FUNDS PAY FOREIGN DEBTS OF AROUND \$100 MILLION DUE NOW OR IN NEAR FUTURE, MOSTLY FROM OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY PREVIOUS GOVTs. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: GOI IN CRITICAL SITUATION RE FOREIGN OBLIGATIONS IN GENERAL, AND FURTHER PAYMENT FAILURES NOW APPEAR INEVITABLE. IN ADDITION TO PL-480 COMMITMENT, PAYMENTS ABOUT \$2.5 MILLION TO U.S. ON VARIOUS OTHER AGREEMENTS (EXCESS PROCEEDS, FAIR SHARE) ALSO OVERDUE, AND WESTERN EMBASSIES TEHRAN ESTIMATE \$17 MILLION NOW OVERDUE THEIR COUNTRIES ON SUPPLIERS' CREDITS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) ANTI-CORRUPTION: THE KIA TRIAL: LONG-HERALDED TRIAL OF FORMER ARMY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF GENERAL HAJ ALI KIA BEGAN MAY 21, AS KIA AND SIX OTHERS FACED CHARGES OF ILLEGALLY SEIZING LAND SOUTH OF TEHRAN AND IMPROVING IT WITH GOVERNMENT EQUIPMENT. INDICTMENT CHARGES THAT KIA,

(1) WITH HELP OF THREE REGISTRATION OFFICIALS, ILLEGALLY TRANSFERRED TO HIMSELF LAND WORTH \$20,000 EQUIV. ADJACENT HIS ESTATE,

(2) WITH HELP THREE MINISTRY ROADS OFFICIALS, EXPROPRIATED BULLDOZER, THREE COMPRESSORS, SIX DRIVERS, WORTH TOTAL OF \$33,000 EQUIV., TO BUILD FEEDER ROADS AND OTHERWISE IMPROVE LAND.

KIA CLAIMS ACCUSATIONS "PURE FABRICATION," WITH SOLE PURPOSE STRENGTHEN GOVERNMENT POLITICALLY AND "BLACKEN NAME OF GENERAL KIA." (UNCLASSIFIED)

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COMMENT: SINCE KIA, IN IRANIAN MIND ARCHETYPE OF CORRUPT OFFICIAL, TRIAL HAS ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC INTEREST. THERE IS, ON ONE HAND, BOTH SURPRISE AND SATISFACTION THAT ONE WHO MANIPULATED JUSTICE AND WAS IMMUNE FROM IT, HAS FINALLY BEEN BROUGHT TO BOOK. ON OTHER HAND, PUBLIC IS REFLECTING THAT: CHARGES ARE SMALL POTATOES IN LIGHT OF WHAT KIA MUST HAVE DONE; ALAVI-MOQADAM AND ZARQAM ARE OUT AND EBTEHAJ IS IN, WHICH CONFUSES PICTURE; AND THOSE CONVICTED IN ONLY OTHER MAJOR ANTI-CORRUPTION TRIAL, THE FISHERIES CASE, ARE OUT ON BAIL WITH NO INDICATION WHEN AND IF APPEAL IS TO BE HELD. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(4) BANKING LICENSE REVOKED: MONETARY COUNCIL HAS REVOKED LICENSE OF BANK EQTESADI, SMALL PRIVATE BANK, FOR NONPAYMENT ON ITS OBLIGATIONS. PUBLICITY SO FAR WITHHELD. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: ACTION TAKEN AFTER LONG, UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT ON PART CENTRAL BANK TO FORCE EQTESADI OWNER EITHER MERGE WITH OTHER BANKS OR LIQUIDATE BANK'S OBLIGATIONS WITH PERSONAL RESOURCES. IF RUN ON OTHER BANKS CAN BE AVOIDED, RESULTS THIS ACTION MAY BE BENEFICIAL THROUGHOUT BANKING SYSTEM, COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY. (SEE EMB A-287). (CONFIDENTIAL)

(5) LAND REFORM: ACCORDING TO PRESS, FOLLOWING CEREMONIES SCHEDULED IN CONNECTION DISTRIBUTION ESTATES VOLUNTEERED BY LANDLORDS:

SHAH WILL GO TOASFARVARIN VILLAGE, QAZVIN AREA MAY 24 AND KUCHESFAHAN VILLAGE, RASHT AREA MAY 27; ON LATTER DATE, PRIMIN ALSO SCHEDULED DISTRIBUTE SOME OF OWN ESTATES NEAR RASHT. MIN AGRICULTURE ARSANJANI ON MAY 22 ANNOUNCED DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES, SIMILAR TO THAT IN MARAGHEH, SET UP FOR GILAN AND QAZVIN; SAID STUDIES UNDERWAY TO EXTEND DISTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES TO QAZVIN, AND STUDY TEAMS SOON TO START SURVEYING ARAK AREA, S.W. OF TEHRAN, WHERE DISTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED COMMENCE SOON.

ARSANJANI ON MAY 22 ALSO PROPOSED PUBLICLY THAT LANDLORDS BE ASSESSED 10 PERCENT VALUE OF RETAINED VILLAGES TO SUPPORT RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY THEIR AREAS. TEHRAN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PAPER MAY 24 CARRIED LENGTHY ARSANJANI REBUTTAL TO EARLIER SERIES ARTICLES BY PLAN ORG ECONOMIST SETTING FORTH POTENTIAL HIGH COSTS LAND REFORM PROGRAM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: FOR THREE WEEKS ARSANJANI HAS KEPT UP STEADY

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BARRAGE OF PUBLICITY RE LAND REFORM, PROPOSALS RE DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT AND REBUTTAL OF COST ANALYSIS SEEN AS CONTINUATION EARLIER DRIVE TO WREST AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FROM PLAN ORG. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(6) SEFID RUD DAM INAUGURATED: SHAH, WITH QUEEN, PRIMIN, CABINET MINISTERS, ON MAY 19 FORMALLY INAUGURATED SEFID RUD DAM IN GILAN PROVINCE 240 KM N.W. TEHRAN. DAM STARTED IN 1957, FINISHED ON SCHEDULE, ONE OF THREE MAJOR DAM PROJECTS SECOND 7-YEAR PLAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ESTIMATED COST \$59 MILLION FOR DAM AND ADDITIONAL \$42 MILLION FOR PROJECTED IRRIGATION SYSTEM. TOTAL PROJECT WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE VALUE AS FLOOD CONTROL AND IRRIGATION PROJECT IMPORTANT RICE-GROWING AREA, NEW SOURCE HYDROELECTRIC POWER. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

(1) AMINI: RETURN FROM HAJ SPARKED RENEWED COMMENT, AMINI GOVT. MANY PAPERS REPORTED "STRONG INDICATIONS," (1) THERE WILL BE; (2) THERE WON'T BE: (A) ELECTIONS SOON; (B) CABINET CHANGES, INCLUDING PRIMIN. ROSHANFEKR TOOK OPPORTUNITY PRESENT "AMINI BALANCE SHEET"; AGREED WITH SEVERAL OTHERS THAT SOME PROGRESS MADE, CORRUPTION LESS BUT JOINED ALL IN CALLING FOR MORE REFORM. GENERAL IMPRESSION GIVEN AMINI STRONGER AFTER HAJ AND SHAH'S U.S. VISIT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) ANTI-CORRUPTION: FRONT PAGES FOR OPENING TRIAL OF GEN. KIA. EDITORIALS CALLED IT "LANDMARK" IRANIAN JUSTICE, SINCE HE FIRST INFLUENTIAL TO FACE COURT, THOUGH SOME PAPERS APPEARED DISAPPOINTED AT PAUCITY OF CHARGES. BAMSAD SAID KIA TRIED LONG AGO BY PUBLIC OPINION, FOUND GUILTY, AND PUBLIC RARELY WRONG. ADDED EBTEHAJ STILL THOUGHT HONEST BY PUBLIC THOUGH IN JAIL, ZARGHAM THOUGHT CROOKED THOUGH NOW FREE. SENATE SCANDAL AND "LANDGRABBERS" CONTINUED TO RECEIVE ATTENTION, THOUGH NO NEW FACTS PRESENTED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) SEFID RUD DAM INAUGURATION: WIDE COVERAGE OF CEREMONY. MOST EDITORIALS GAVE CREDIT TO H.I.M. FOR "THIS UNPARALLELED WONDER," APPROVED CONCEPT OF BIG PROJECTS. BUT KHANDANIHA SAID 8 BILLION RIALS (\$106.7 MILLION EQUIV.)

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EXCESSIVE PRICE FOR QUESTIONABLE BENEFITS TO PEOPLE; ASKED WHY
IRRIGATION FOR RAINIEST PART OF IRAN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) THAILAND-LAOS: US TROOP BUILDUP THAILAND RECEIVED
NEWS ATTENTION, NONCOMMITAL EDITORIAL COMMENT. MOST PAPERS
SAW SITUATION HOPELESS: LAOS EITHER LOST OR BECOMING "ANOTHER
KOREA." EGHLIM, FARMAN POINTED TO COMMUNIST TRUCE-BREAKING AS
CAUSE; SEPID-O-SIAH BLAMED "U.S. POLICY MISTAKES." SEDAYE
MARDOM QUESTIONED PASSIVE ROLE OF SEATO MEMBERS, ASKED, "WHAT
IS USE OF COMMITMENTS (BY MAJOR POWERS) IF THEY ARE NOT
EXERCISED AT PROPER TIME." (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

(1) RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/FREE VOICE OF IRAN: RM CLAIMED
RULING AUTHORITIES CENTO COUNTRIES PESSIMISTIC OVER FAILURE
US AND UK TO STRENGTHEN SUPPORT FOR EXISTING REGIMES. WARNED
THAT EXPERIENCE SHOWS WESTERN GOVERNMENTS SACRIFICE THEIR
STOOGES AND SERVANTS WHEN CONFRONTED WITH PUBLIC FURY, AS WITH
KING FAISAL, NURI-SAID, BAYAR, MANDERES. SAID RUSSIAN
FOREIGN MISISTRY MAY 17 SENT NOTE TO IRANIAN EMBASSY PROTESTING
SAVAK BRUTALITY AGAINST RUSSIAN CITIZEN "DRAGGED FROM HOME" LAST
OCTOBER, HELD INCOMMUNICADO 4 MONTHS AND ALLEGEDLY TORTURED.

USSR-BASED CLANDESTINE NVI SAID AMIN PLANS RESHUFFLE
CABINET SOON TO SATISFY HIS US SUPPORTERS. LAUGHED AT AMINI'S
ALLEGED EFFORTS TO FORM ALLIANCE OF REACTIONARY MID-EAST
FORCES, SAYING SINCE IRAN HAS NO RELATIONS WITH IRAQ, EGYPT,
ALGERIA, THIS LEAVES ONLY A FEW UNRECOGNIZED SHEIKHDOMS TO
DEAL WITH. CLAIMED "SOME OF AMINI'S OPPONENTS" ENDANGERING
OWN PRESTIGE BY EXCESSIVE MILDNESS TOWARDS AMINI.

FVI (BEGIN SECRET UAR-BASED CLANDESTINE RADIO END SECRET)
CONTINUED UNABATED VIOLENT ATTACKS ON SHAH AND AMINI, URGING
THEIR OVERTHROW, ARREST AND EXECUTION; THIS WEEK ADDED ATTACK
ON QUEEN FARAH, WHO HAD VISITED MASHED SHRINE, SAYING FARAH,
WHO "WHILE IN US DANCED, AND DRESSED LIKE MOVIE STAR" IS, LIKE
SHAH, FAR FROM BEING TRUE MOSLEM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. MILITARY - NEGATIVE.

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1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) CABINET CHANGES AND FISCAL CRISIS: PRIMIN MAY 26 PRESENTED TO SHAH JAHANGIR AMUZEGAR (EXMIN COMMERCE) AS MIN FINANCE (FILLING SLOT VACANT SINCE MID-JANUARY) AND MOHSEN NASR (EXMAYOR TEHRAN) AS MIN WITHOUT PORTFOLIO. NASR'S DEPUTY, AHMAD NAFICI, APPOINTED TO REPLACE HIM AS MAYOR; COMMERCE PORTFOLIO NOT YET FILLED.

PLAN ORG MANAGING DIRECTOR SAFI ASFIA AND HIS DEPUTY KHODADAD FARMANFARMAIAN RESIGNED MAY 26; ASFIA RETURNED TO WORK MAY 28 AFTER ASSURANCES FROM PRIMIN, BUT FARMANFARMAIAN STILL OUT. ASFIA'S GROUNDS WERE: OBJECTIONS TO MIN JUSTICE INVESTIGATORS' WORK IN PLAN ORG, WHICH HAD BROUGHT PLAN ORG WORK TO VIRTUAL STANDSTILL; AND DANGER TO THIRD PLAN CAUSED BY GOVT'S FAILURE CUT OPERATING BUDGET. FARMANFARMAIAN'S GROUNDS SAME, BUT IN REVERSE ORDER; HE ALSO DEMANDING BUDGET CONTROL BE TRANSFERRED FROM MIN FINANCE TO PLAN ORG TO ASSURE PROPER FISCAL BASIS FOR THIRD PLAN. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

COMMENT: ROOT OF CABINET PROBLEM IS FISCAL CRISIS. AMINI AND AMUZEGAR HAVE BOTH PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED DEFICIT THIS YEAR'S BUDGET AT 12 TO 13 BILLION RIALS (\$160- TO \$173 MILLION EQUIV.) AMUZEGAR HAS ANNOUNCED FOREIGN LOANS WILL NOT BE SOUGHT TO COVER DEFICIT IN ORDINARY BUDGET. OUTLOOK IS FOR FIERCE COMPETITION FOR RESOURCES BETWEEN ORDINARY AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGETS, WITH STATUS OF THIRD PLAN AND PROSPECT

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(2) ANTI-CORRUPTION: KIA TRIAL TURNS POLITICAL (WEEKA 21). AS TRIAL OF MAJ GEN HAJ ALI KIA ENTERED SECOND WEEK, INITIAL SUBDUED, LEGALISTIC TONE GAVE WAY TO POLITICAL FIREWORKS AS PUBLIC PROSECUTOR BEGAN ENUMERATE CRIMES OF WHICH KIA GENERALLY BELIEVED GUILTY RATHER THAN RELATIVELY MILD CHARGES OF INDICTMENT. PROSECUTOR SUGGESTED KIA HAD EMBEZZLED 90,000,000 RIALS (\$1.2 MILLION EQUIV.), INVESTING IT IN HIS VARAMIN ESTATE AND IN LARGE TEHRAN OFFICE BUILDING. CALLING KIA "ONE OF DESPOTS RESPONSIBLE FOR POVERTY AND DESTITUTION OF UNHAPPY PEOPLE OF SOUTH TEHRAN," PROSECUTOR ASKED WHY KIA HAD NOT BUILT HOUSES FOR POOR "WHO LIVE PACKED TOGETHER, CRAWLING AROUND LIKE WORMS" INSTEAD OF BEAUTIFYING OWN LANDS.

IN ONE CENSORED EXCHANGE, PROSECUTOR QUOTED FROM NEWSWEEK ARTICLE (OF JUNE 26, 1961) DESCRIBING KIA AS GUIDING GENIUS OF COURT-SPONSORED KOOK ORGANIZATION "WHOSE ONLY JOB WAS TO COMPILE CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS ON SHAH'S POPULARITY." KIA'S REACTION TO THIS AND OTHER CHARGES WAS THAT OF INJURED INNOCENCE AND DISMAY THAT "A NATIONAL HERO" SHOULD BE SO SLANDERED. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY).

(3) FUNDING OF PL-480 COMMITMENT (WEEKA 21): EMB INFORMED MAY 29 RIAL EQUIVALENT \$1.3 MILLION DEPOSITED TO ACCOUNT USDO, REDUCING GOI'S OVERDUE BALANCE PL-480 FUNDING AGREEMENT TO \$6.8 MILLION. MIN FINANCE INFORMED EMB INTENT LIQUIDATE REMAINDER IN INSTALMENTS OVER UNSPECIFIED TIME PERIOD. KHARGE HAS INFORMED PRIMIN IN WRITING THAT PROPOSED PROCEDURE WOULD NOT COMPLY WITH TERMS FUNDING ARRANGEMENT AND THAT US DESIRES PROMPT AND COMPLETE LIQUIDATION OVERDUE OBLIGATION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(4) LAND REFORM: SHAH OFFICIATED AT DISTRIBUTION CEREMONIES ASFAVARIN NEAR QAZVIN, MAY 25, AND KUCHESFAHAN NEAR GILAN (INCLUDING FOUR OF PRIMIN'S VILLAGES) MAY 27, AS SCHEDULED (WEEKA 21). MIN AGRICULTURE ARASANANI IN MAY 26 PRESS INTERVIEW WITHDREW PREDICTION OF EARLY RESIGNATION, SAID HE WOULD REMAIN UNTIL LAND REFORM WELL LAUNCHED; LATER ANNOUNCED HE LEAVING MAY 31 FOR FOUR-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT YUGOSLAVIA, MONTH IN EUROPE FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND REST. PRESS ALSO PUBLICIZED SOCIAL AFFAIR AT WHICH ARSANJANI ISSUED INVITATION TO SOV AMB PEGOV TO VISIT LAND DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY TO "SEE FOR HIMSELF." (UNCLASSIFIED)

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COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PRIMIN PRESENT AT DISTRIBUTION HIS OWN
ESTATES KUCHESFAHAN, CHIEF GLORY LAND REFORM STILL GOING
TO ARSANJANI, WHOSE ACTIVITIES, STATEMENTS ARE TAKING ON
INCREASINGLY POLITICAL COLORATION. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(5) NEW LOCUST INFESTATIONS: NEW LOCUST SWARMS
REPORTED MOVING UP FROM PERSIAN GULF INTO SHIRAZ AND
ISFAHAN AREAS. IN RESPONSE URGENT GOI APPEAL, US CESSNA
SPRAY PLANES BEING TRANSFERRED THESE AREAS AFTER SUCCESS-
FUL ANTI-LOCUST OPERATIONS KERMANSHAH REGION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

(1) THAILAND-LAOS: NOTING ANY FOREIGN INTERFERENCE
ONLY SERVES TO INCREASE TENSIONS, PEYQAM EMRUZ SAID IT SEES
NO IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US TROOPS THAILAND AND
CHINESE TROOPS LAOS; THERE MAY WELL BE MORAL DIFFERENCE,
BUT AS FOR AGGRAVATING TENSIONS, RESULT IN SAME. NO OTHER
COMMENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) US POLICY: SEVERAL PAPERS, MOSTLY SMALL, NOTED
"NEW" US POLICY INVOLING ABANDONMENT OF "BIG STICK," AS
EXEMPLIFIED BY DECLARATION AGAINST WAR PROPAGANDA, RUSK-
DOBRYNIN TALKS, ETC., AND APPLAUSED IT. ALSO, SEVERAL NOTED
DISAGREEMENTS WITH WESTERN ALLIES, WITH GERMANY AND ESPECIALLY
DE GAULLE OVER BERLIN. WITH FRANCE OVER NATO AND NUCLEAR
WEAPONS, AND MACMILLAN'S SO FAR UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORTS HEAL
BREACH. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) AMINI: MEDIUM HEAVY COMMENT CONTINUED SHOW
CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF SUPPORT FOR AMINI PERSONALLY, WITH

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approval of attack on corruption and of land reform; Major Ettela'at went so far as to say (not quite correctly) "this journal has never slackened in supporting Amini from first day he came to power, and still confident PM capable." Many papers, however, deeply concerned over expected budget deficit, particularly over "fact" that successive govts apparently accustomed to treating increasing deficits as normal. Suggested remedies included fewer rented buildings, no raises in pay of govt employees, "soak the rich." Cabinet changes evoked little comment, though Banshad thought Amuzegar's lack-lustre record in Ministry Commerce did not augur well. Two papers pooh-poohed idea of elections as long as Amini feels self strongly in saddle. (U)

(4) Anti-corruption campaign: KIA trial receiving good press play; scant comment all cautiously laudatory. Omib Iran published lengthy interview with Min Justice Alamuti which tended give overall optimistic picture possibilities or real general attack on corruption all levels. (U)

(5) Publication Djilas book; Ettela'at announced it would publish Farsi translation of Milovan Djilas's book, conversations with Stalin." (U)

B. Radio Moscow/NVI/Free Voice of Iran: RM claimed PriMin's ~~had~~ actually not religious but political, executing US instructions use Islam to entice Near East countries into US-concocted locs. Attacked oil consortium, US aid for enriching imperialists, Iranian ruling class; claimed "12,000 foreign officials take \$ hundreds of millions from Iran, "while cuasing expenditure 60 percent budget or

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useless militarization. USSR-ASED clandestine NVI said landlords, led by Shah, Amini oppress peasants only because landlords organized, peasants not. Exhorting tenant peasants to unite, refuse pay landlords' proprietary share & "even Arsanjani admits" they should do. Claimed "coup regime" actions show govt. plans drag feet on land reform while making propaganda capital of it.

FVI (Begin SECRET UAR-ASED clandestine radio end SECRET) broadcast no monitored violent attacks on Shah, Amini. Said new "unconstitutional" Amini order provides prosecution and suspension publication any newspaper printing news of national front. Claimed diplomatic observers predict "bloods incidents" leading to "important developments" following anti-Shah demonstrations allegedly planned for June by students, workers, farmers. (UNCLASSIFIED - except SECRET insert).

3. Military

A. Army

(1) Border reinforcement: (See WEEKA 18) on 19-20 May two infantry bns, reinforced with one FA bn and one tank platoon moved to defensive positions 20 kilometers east of Marivan on Marivan-Sanandaj road to reinforce the Iranian border against possible attempts of Iraqi Kurds to cross into Iran. (C)

Comment: This action is attempt to insure Kurdish tribal uprisings remain confined to Iraq. Possibly similar action will occur in area of III Corps, IIA. (C)

(2) Libyan delegation visit: Delegation from Libya consisting of Minister Defense, Chief Staff Libyan Army and three majors stopped Tehran 24-25 May enroute official visit Taiwan. (C)

B. Navy - Negative.

C. Air Force - Negative.

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1. POLITICAL
2. INTERNAL

(1) FISCAL SITUATION AND STATUS OF CABINET: PRIMEN AMINY AND MIN FINANCE AMUZEGAR, IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS DURING WEEK, DESCRIBED PLANS SOLVE FISCAL CRISIS BY SEVERE BUDGET CUTS AND DIVISION OPERATING BUDGET INTO "CORE" AND "NON-CORE" ITEMS. TWO KEY PLAN ORG OFFICERS - CYRUS SAMII AND MAJID MAJIDI - SHIFTED TO MIN FINANCE AS UNDERSEG FOR EB VNDITURES, DIR-GEN BUDGET, RESPECTIVELY. NO REPLACEMENT YET NAMED FOR

AMUZEGAR AS MIN COMMERCE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

FARMANFARMAIAN, DEP DIRECTOR PLAN.ORG, WHO RESIGNED MAY 26

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HAS RESISTED STRENUOUS EFFORTS ON PART PRIMIN TO PERSUADE HIM TO RETURN, MAINTAINING THAT SO LONG AS OPERATING BUDGET SO MUCH IN DEFICIT, THIRD PLAN IN GRAVE JEOPARDY. OTHER KEY PLAN ORG OFFICIALS THREATEN RESIGNATION THIS ISSUE. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: BASED ON CONVERSATIONS SEVERAL OFFICIALS CONCERNED, EMB CONCLUDES NO EFFECTIVE PLANS SO FAR ADVANCED FOR REDUCING OPERATING BUDGET DEFICIT, WHICH NOW ESTIMATED BY GOI AT 14 BILLION RIALS (\$186.7 MILLION). AS YET UNRESOLVED FISCAL SITUATION FACES AKINI WITH SERIOUS CONFLICT IN GOVERNMENT, POSSIBLE LOSS TO GOVT OF MANY BRIGHT YOUNG MEN WHO CONTAIN GREATEST HOPE FOR PROGRESS AND REFORM. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) EBTEHAJ REFUSES BAIL: COURT THIS WEEK SET BAIL FOR FORMER DIRECTOR PLAN ORG EBTEHAJ, NOW COMPLETING SEVENTH MONTH DETENTION (WEEKA 21), AT 16.7 BILLION RIALS (\$142 MILLION EQUIV); EBTEHAJ, REAFFIRMING INNOCENCE, REFUSED BAIL, ALTHOUGH FRIENDS HAD ALREADY RAISED MOST OF SUM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: TWO DAYS BEFORE UNPRECEDENTEDLY HIGH BAIL ANNOUNCED, PRIMIN TOLD CHARGE THAT MINISTRY JUSTICE OFFICIAL INFORMED HIM LONG INVESTIGATION HAS NOT INDICATED DISHONESTY BY EBTEHAJ, AND PRIMIN EXPECTED TERMINATION CASE IN "VERY NEAR FUTURE" WITH EBTEHAJ PROBABLY RELEASED WITHOUT CHARGE. PRIMIN ASSERTED HE CONTINUES REFRAIN FROM EXERTING "PRESSURE FROM ABOVE" IN ORDER FOSTER INDEPENDENCE JUDICIARY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) ANTI-CORRUPTION: MEHRABAD CUSTOMS SCANDAL: PRIMIN TURNED HIS FIRE THIS WEEK AGAINST MINISTRY OF COMMERCE'S CUSTOMS

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OFFICE, FOLLOWING REVELATION WIDESPREAD SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES AT
MEHRABAD AIRPORT. EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT AND SURPRISE THAT
CUSTOMS HAD NOT BEEN CLEANED UP DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION,
AMINI GAVE CUSTOMS CHIEF QAFAR NASIR ONE WEA TO PURGE OFFICE.

PARTICULAR INCIDENT INVOLVED ATTEMPT OF IRANIAN EMPLOYEE,
BRITISH EMBASSY BRING IN 2600 LBS NYLON STOCKINGS ON FAKE
BRITISH EMBASSY PERMIT. GOVT CLAIMS LARGE NUMBER CUSTOMS
OFFICIALS IMPLICATED (ALTHOUGH PLOT WAS UNCOVERED BY CUSTOMS
INSPECTOR), AND HINTS VAST TRAFFIC IN CONTRABAND UNCOVERED
WITH INVESTIGATIONS NOW UNDER WAY.

SCANDAL OVERSHADOWED KIA TRIAL, WHICH CONTINUING WITHOUT
NOTEWORTHY DEVELOPMENTS. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) RELEASE OF DETAINEES: ON JUNE 6 EIGHT NATIONALIST
STUDENTS IMPRISONED SINCE JAN. RELEASED, FOLLOWING ON STUDENT
PROTESTS TO CHANCELLOR FARHAD DURING WEEK. RIGHT-WING POLITICIANS
FORUD AND RASHIDIAN ALSO RELEASED JUNE 6. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)
COMMENT: ABOUT DOZEN STUDENTS BELIEVED STILL HELD AS OF JUNE
7. CAS REPORTS SAVAK EXPECTS RELEASE OF LEADERS TO BEGIN
JUNE 7 WITH KARIM SANJABI. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(5) ARSANJANI IN YUGOSLAVIA: MINAGRICULTURE ARSANJANI
CONCLUDED WEEK-LONG VISIT YUGOSLAVIA AT INVITATION YUGOSLAV
GOVT DURING WHICH ACCORDING PRESS HE DISCUSSED FUTURE IRAN-
YUGOSLAV "COOPERATION" IN AGRICULTURE. PLANS PROCEED
SWITZERLAND FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

COMMENT: WHILE IN EUROPE ARSANJANI SO FAR MANAGING CONTINUE KEEP

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2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

AA. PRESS

(1) LAOS-THAILAND: TWO SMALL PAPERS COMMENTED: ONE CONCLUDED THAT LANDING OF MARINES MAY SOLVE IMMEDIATE CRISIS, BUT MAIN TROUBLE STEMS FROM POVERTY, AND PEOPLE'S REVOLT CANNOT BE SUPPRESSED BY MILITARY INTERFERENCE; ANTI-SOVIET AFARMAN OPPOSED ANY NEUTRAL GOVT IN LAOS, ADVOCATED STRONG SUPPORT FOR CENTRAL GOVT TO ELIMINATE COMMUNISM. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) BUDGET DEFICIT: CRIES OF ALARM INCREASED THIS WEEK, NUMEROUS PAPERS OFFERING ADVICE. MOST POPULAR "SOLUTION" WAS CUTTING EXPENDITURES GOVT AGENCIES, THOUGH ONE SMALL PAPER NOTED EVEN THIS COULD HAVE "DISASTROUS RESULTS" BY FURTHER DEPRESSING ECONOMY. FREQUENT OPPOSITION TO COVERING DEFICIT THROUGH FOREIGN LOAN. NOBODY SUGGESTED RAISING TAXES; ONLY PAPER MENTIONING THEM WARNED PEOPLE ALREADY EXCESSIVELY WEIGHED DOWN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) LAND REFORM: HALF DOZEN SMALL PAPERS SCREECKD WITH RAGE AT ATTEMPT OF SELF-STYLED "FARMERS' UNION" (OF LANDLORDS) TO FRUSTRATE LAND REFORM BY POINTING OUT TO (ANO UNNAMED) FOREIGN EMBASSY THAT LAND REFORM WOULD LEAD TO COMMUNISM, PROTESTING (A) FAILURE TO EFFECT REFORM WILL BRING VEALUNISM MORE CERTAINLY, AND (B) IT'S NONE OF FOREIGNERS' BUSINESS ANYWAY.

MEANWHILE, MIN AGRICULTURE ARSANJANI'S SKILL AT FOSTERING

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PUBLISHED HIGHLY LAUDATORY BIOGRAPHICAL ARTICLE BY AFP CORRESPONDENT ON ARSANJANI, WHO "ACTING DECISIVELY AND WITH GREAT POLITICAL SKILL," HAS MADE SELF "MAN OF THE DAY." ADMITTING REFORM ACTIVITIES MAY BE MEANS FOR ARSANJANI TO SATISFY POWERFUL AMBITION "BASED ON A REAL CAPACITY," ARTICLE ADDS AT ANY RATE PEASANTS DO NOT CONSIDER HIS WORK MERE DEMAGOGUERY. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: THOUGH NEWSPAPERS HAVE ALMOST UNIVERSALLY APPLAUDED REFORM MEASURES, SO FAR NONE HAS COME OUT IN SUPPORT OF ARSANJANI PERSONALLY. EVEN HERE THERE IS NO DIRECT SUPPORT FROM KAYHAN. AMINI HARDLY MENTIONED IN AFP ARTICLE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(4) ANTI-CORRUPTION: KIA TRIAL NOW OUT AS NEWS STORY, BUT FAIRLY FREQUENT COMMENT, MOSTLY AUTOMATICALLY TREATING KIA AS GUILTY. SOME PAPERS DEPLORE FACT THIS ARCH-CRIMINAL BEING TRIED FOR PIDDING CRIMES. KIA ATTEMPT TO DEPICT SELF IN DEFENSE AS NATIONAL HERO PARTICULARLY INCENSED MANY EDITORS.

IN MEANTIME, UNCOVERING OF STOCKING SMUGGLING VIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT RECEIVED HEADLINE PLAY, WITH COMMENTARY APPLAUDING AMINI'S ANGRY REACTION, ETTELA'AT AND FARMAN CALLING HIS SPEECH IN MINCOMMERCE PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT ONE HE HAS EVER GIVEN. ETTELA'AT FUMED AT IRANIANS' SENSITIVITY WHICH CAUSES THEM TO GLOSS OVER EVILS FOR FEAR OF TARNISHING ANCIENT PERSIAN REPUTATION: "THIS HARMFUL ATTEMPT TO VENEER ALL EVILS OF THIS COUNTRY HAS AFFLICTED OUR SOCIETY TO THE CORE." (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

(1) RM/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN/FREE VOICE IRAN: RM ATTACKED IMPERIALIST CONTROL IRAN'S OIL WHICH "PREVENTS ITS USE FOR COUNTRY'S INDUSTRIALIZATION." SCOFFED AT ANTI-CORRUPTION PROGRAM, CITING ALLEGED \$300,000 EMBEZZLEMENT BY AMINI HIMSELF FROM IRANIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON. RELEASE OF ZARQAM AND ALAVI-MOGADAM "UPON ORDERS BRITISH INTELLIGENCE" AND MADAM DAVALU BECAUSE SHE IS ALA'S RELATIVE.

CLANDESTINE USSR-BASED NVI ALSO CLAIMED ANTI-CORRUPTION PROGRAM IMPOSSIBLE WHEN "REFORMERS" THEMSELVES CORRUPT; CALLED FOR OVERTHROW SHAH. LAUGHED AT "JUNK," E.G., F-35 FIGHTERS, GIVEN IRAN BY US AS "ALLEGED ARMAMENTS." LAUDED UAR'S LAUNCHING OF FIRST HOME-BUILD SHIP AS EXAMPLE ACCOMPLISHMENT POSSIBLE WHERE LEADERS NEITHER CORRUPT NOR SERVANTS OF IMPERIALISTS.

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JOINT WEEKA 23

EAST GERMAN-BASED PEYK-E IRAN BROADCAST LONG STATEMENT
OF TUDEH PARTY AIMS AND OBJECTIVES AS BEING BEST PROGRAM
FOR IRAN.

FVI (BEGIN SECRET UAR-BASED CLANDESTINE RADIO END SECRET)
BROADCAST HEAVY SCHEDULE OF BLOODTHIRSTY, PSEUDO-RELIGIOUS
ATTACKS AGAINST SHAH, AMINI, AND ROYAL FAMILY, REPEATEDLY
DESCRIBED THEM AS "INFIDELES AND TRAITORS," CALLED FOR
INTENSIFIED "HOLY WAR" IN HONOR OF MONTH OF MOHARRAM TO
OVERTHROW AND BRING THEM TO TRIAL, "CUT OFF THEIR HANDS
FOR THIEVERY." (UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT SECRET INSERT)

3. MILITARY
3. A. ARMY

(1) APPOINTMENTS OF IIA OFFICERS: LT. GEN.
NASROLLAHI DESIGNATED FIRST ARMY COMMANDER AND LT. GEN.
ZARGHAM DESIGNATED SECOND ARMY COMMANDER. (UNCLASSIFIED)
COMMENT: THESE APPOINTMENTS IN ACCORD PLANNED TIMETABLE
FOR REORGANIZATION IIA, UNDER WHICH TWO ARMIES WOULD REPLACE
PRESENT SIX CORPS; AS YET NEITHER ARMY OPERATIONAL. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. NAVY - NEGATIVE

C. AIR FORCE - NEGATIVE

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S E C R E T . JOINT WEEKA 24 .

1. POLITICAL

A. INTERNAL

(1) FISCAL SITUATION (WEEKA 23): MOST RECENT ADVICE FROM GOI OFFICIALS INDICATES TOTAL DEFICIT 1341 BUDGET ON ORDER \$250 MILLION, INCLUDING ABOUT \$160 MILLION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SEGMENT AND ABOUT \$90 MILLION FOR DEVELOPMENT SECTOR. EFFORTS CUT ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET NOW GOING ON, BUT EFFECTIVENESS ORDER TO CUT AGENCY BUDGETS 15 PER CENT BELOW LAST YEARS FIGURES LIMITED BY INTENT CARRY OUT COMMITMENTS FOR WAGE INCREASES TO TEACHERS, POLICE, MILITARY AND BY INTRACTABLE NATURE CERTAIN OTHER EXPENSES. MIN COMMERCE POST STILL UNFILLED AND FARMANFARAJAN, WHO STILL HAS NOT RETURNED TO KEY PLAN ORG POST, GAVE NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW CHARGING THAT GOVT'S INABILITY SOLVE PROBLEM ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET DEFICIT UNDERMINING THIRD PLAN PROSPECTS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: CHANCES DIM THAT ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET DEFICIT CAN BE REDUCED BELOW \$60-\$70 MILLION WITHOUT STRONG POSSIBILITY ARAING CABINET. ANTICIPATED THAT PRIMIN WILL PRESENT BEFORE END JUNE REQUEST FOR LARGE-SCALE US TRANSITIONAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE COUPLED WITH PROGRAM FOR FISCAL REFORM. (SEE EMBTEL 1008) (SECRET)

(2) EBTEHAJ RELEASED: FORMER DIRECTOR PLAN ORG. EBTEHAJ RELEASED JUNE 14 UNDER SEVEN MONTHS DETENTION. CONFLICTING REPORTS AS TO WHETHER CHARGES WITHDRAWN OR BAIL REQUIRED. (WEEKA 23). (UNCLASSIFIED)

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(3) ANTI-CORRUPTION: (SEE ALSO MILITARY). MOHARRAM HOLIDAYS SLOWED DOWN GOVT ANTI-CORRUPTION CAMPAIGN, BRINGING KIA TRIAL TO NEAR STANDSTILL; AS TRIAL ENTERED THIRD WEEK POLITICAL OVERTONES GAVE WAY TO ROUTINE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AS KIA'S CO-DEFENDANTS, ACCUSED OF CONSPIRING TO PROVIDE KIA WITH MINROADS EQUIPMENT TO IMPROVE HIS ESTATE. PRESENTED THEIR TESTIMONY.

PRIMIN KEPT CAMPAIGN BEFORE PUBLIC IN JUNE 9 SPEECH TO MINJUSTICE IN WHICH CALLED ON FORMER MINISTERS TO STAND TRIAL VOLUNTARILY, NOT HIDE BEHIND CONSTITUTIONAL BAR TO THEIR TRIAL IN ABSENCE MAJLIS APPROVAL. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. PSYCHOLOGICAL

A. PRESS

(1) RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS: HIGH HOLIDAYS (TUES-WEDS) OF MOHARRAM MOURNING PERIOD BROUGHT GENERAL SLOWING OF ACTIVITY, INCLUDING THREE TO FOUR-DAY PRESS HOLIDAY. (UNCLAS)

(2) EBTEHAJ: A FEW PAPERS SCANDALIZED AT SIZE OF BAIL ORIGINALLY SET. INFLUENTIAL WEEKLY KHANDANIHA SAID REGARDLESS OF GUILT OR INNOCENCE OF EBTEHAJ, TI ACTION CALL INTO QUESTION IMPARTIALITY OF JUDICIARY MAY HAVE DEVASTATING EFFECTS ON PUBLIC CONFIDENCE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) AMINI GOVT: COMMENT LIGHT, THOUGH NUMBER PAPERS STILL EXERCISED OVER BUDGET DEFICIT, URGE CUTS IN GOVT SPENDING, FIRING OF SUPERFLUOUS EMPLOYEES, ETC. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. RADIO

(1) RADIO MOSCOW/NVI/PEYK-E IRAN/FREE VOICE OF IRAN: RM SAID GOVT'S LAND REFORM PROGRAM IS RULING CLASS DEVICE TO DIVERT PEOPLE FROM STRUGGLE FOR REAL SOCIAL REFORM. BROADCAST BY IRANIAN DEFECTOR MAJOR MORTAZAVI TOLD OF US SERGEANTS HE HAD KNOWNIN IRAN WHO HE SAID RECEIVE \$300 TO \$400 MONTHLY FROM US ARMY PLUS EQUAL AMOUNT FROM GOI; CLAIMED THEY THEN SELL THEIR DOLLARS ON FREE MARKET, POCKET FURTHER PROFIT. CLANDESTINE USSR-BASED NVI ATTACKED MINFIN AMUZEGAR AS US SPY NOW GIVEN EXTENSIVE ILLEGAL AUTHORITY OVER ALL OF IRAN'S FINANCES AND ECONOMY. TOLD PEOPLE CENTO AND BI LATERAL AGREEMENT COST EACH IRANIAN 1375 RIALS PER YEAR; SAID REPLACEMENT "COUP REGIME" BY NATIONALISTS WILL LIFT THIS BURDEN FROM PEOPLE. EAST GERMAN-BASED PEYK-E IRAN BROADCAST REMORSEFUL

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"CONFESSTION" OF IRANIAN FORCED INTO LIFE OF SPYING BY SAVAK, WARNED PEOPLE BEWARE THIS "ENEMY" ORGANIZATION. (UNCLASSIFIED) FVI (BEGIN SECRET UAR-BASED CLANDESTINE RADIO END SECRET) STILL BROADCASTING VIOLENT ABUSE OF SHAH, ROYAL FAMILY AND PRIMIN, CALLING FOR THEIR OVERTHROW. SAID "US AMBASSADOR" REFUSED AMINI REQUEST TO SEND MISSION TO US TO SEEK TRAVEL MEETING CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS. (UNCLASSIFIED WITH SECRET INSERT).

3. MILITARY

A. ARMY (SEE ALSO PHYCHOLOGICAL)

(1) RETIRED ARMY OFFICER ARRESTED: RETIRED BRIG GEN NOVKIANI, FORMER CHIEF OF BUDGET AND PENSION DEPT, ARRESTED JUN 9 UNDER WARRANT ISSUED BY IIA PROSECUTION GENERAL. NOVKIANI CHARGED WITH COMPLICITY IN CASE IN WHICH MAJ GEN (RET) MOHAMAD DAFTARI, ARRESTED SOME TIME AGO, ACCUSED OF FRAUD AND MISAPPROPRIATION. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: THIS IS ANOTHER IN SERIES OF ARRESTS MILITARY PERSONNEL ACCUSED OF FRAUD AND MISAPPROPRIATION. CASE AGAINST GEN DAFTARI STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION AND HAS NOT AS YET BEEN SENT UP FOR TRIAL. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) REORGANIZATION OF IIA: (WEEKA 23) BRIG GEN ARBABI, DEPUTY J-2, IIA, RELIEVED FROM ASSIGNMENT AND WILL ASSUME DUTIES AS C/S, FIRST ARMY. MAJ GEN ALI AND REPLACES ARBABI. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: GEN ARBABI WILL PROBABLY DO CREDITABLE JOB IN THIS POSITION; HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT KNOW THE CG, WHICH MAY NOT LEAD TO BEST WORKING SOLUTION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(3) PRIMIN SAYS IIA TO MAINTAIN STRENGTH: IN JUNE 9 PRESS INTERVIEW PRIMIN AMINI STATED GOVERNMENT HAD NO INTENTION REDUCING SIZE FORCES. THAT IRAN'S POLITICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION MAKES STRENGTHENING ARMED FORCES ESSENTIAL. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: PRIMIN'S STATEMENT IS REASSURANCE TO SHAH THAT IN SPITE OF PRIMIN'S EARLIER STATEMENTS CIVIL AUTHORITIES NOT INTENDING CUT MILITARY BUDGET; IN ADDITION, PROBABLY WILL BE USED TO STRENGTHEN IRAN'S BARGAINING POSITION WITH US IN

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1. Political

A. Internal

(1) Fiscal situation: (Weeka 24) as Iranian year enters fourth month, strenuous efforts cut and rearrange budget still going on. Over-all proposed deficit now apparently reduced from \$250 million to \$175 million by combination cuts both admin and development programs and acceptance large debt carryover at end year. Shifts of expenditures also made from admin to development program with result that proposed deficit admin budget now \$60-75 million, proposed deficit development budget now \$100-115 million. Presentation to cabinet scheduled this week. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Remains to be seen whether cabinet can be persuaded accept proposed cuts. Some key ministers will almost certainly argue for solution problems admin budget through: Payment defaults; divers on oil revenues from development program; approach to US for financing assistance. Still anticipated PriMin will very shortly submit substantial request for US aid. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(2) University closed: University authorities closed Tehran University June 18 for remainder academic year, cutting short extended teaching term by two-three weeks. University expected reopen briefly for examinations August 23, as previously scheduled. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Closure followed minor student demonstrations during week protesting continued detention NF leaders, students. A main reason for closing university was desire avoid student demonstration planned for June 19 to commemorate expulsion British from oil fields. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(3) Aftermath of Ebtehaj release: Terms of release described by govt as personal pledge of \$134 million by Ebtehaj not to leave Tehran Judicial District. In addition, bail of \$6 million was put up by unidentified person-possibly without Ebtehaj's knowledge and probably with instigation of government. Ebtehaj formally protested this bail. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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Comment: Prior to release, Ebtehaj insisted that he be either indicted or formally cleared, Ministry Justice, though privately admitting that no grounds for detention existed, pressed for astronomical bail. It has become increasingly clear that Ebtehaj is out of jail for good, and that GOI insistence on bail and other conditions is merely attempt to put best face on highly embarrassing situation. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(4) Land reform: Ministry of Agriculture announced June 16 that land distribution to begin in Kermanshah and Fars Provinces. 29 villages Kermanshah and 9 villages Fars already surveyed by ministry and represent lands "Volunteered" for distribution by landlords. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Extension to new areas helps maintain momentum in land distribution activities. Significant, however, that all lands distributed to date have "Volunteered" by landlords, albeit in some cases under heavy govt pressure. Thus there has been no test of strength in the courts between govt and landlords opposing program. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(5) Projected Tehran refinery: High oil council chaired by PriMin approved "urgency" of projected Tehran Oil Refinery and Crude Pipeline from NIOC's Alborz Field, located about 80 miles south of Tehran. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: New oil discovery in Alborz Field has lent momentum to this long-discussed project. While NIOC convinced need construct refinery meet rising domestic oil consumption, especially in Tehran area, financing not yet arranged. West German industrial interests last year agreed in principle financing refinery, but question now involved in whole problem financing and project priorities third plan. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. External

(1) USSR expels Iranian Press Attaché: Soviet govt this week expelled Bahram Bushehripour, Iranian Press Attaché in Moscow, on alleged grounds of involvement in illegal black market exchange of American dollars. Iranian department press and radio denied charges, claimed Soviets seek no pretext to close down Iranian Press Office; hinted retaliatory measures, including expulsion Soviet Press officials from Tehran. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: MinFonAff Undersecretary Foriki told DCM that there may be some basis for Soviet charges, and that Soviet Amb had told FonMin Aram USSR authorities have proof. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Psychological

A. Press

(1) USSR expulsion Iranian Press Attaché: Soviet

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expulsion Press Attaché caused relatively little comment, though a few papers echoed theme reciprocity should rule, why not shut down Soviet Press Office in Iran? Farman (dependably anti-Soviet) singled out cultural magazine Payam Novin for attach, analyzing several articles to demonstrate subtle anti-Iranian message contained; asked permission publish such magazine in Russia and USSR. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(2) Amini Govt: Budget crisis continued elicit considerable comment small papers, much of it sympathetic. Nedaye Sepehr applauded PM's statement deficit not to be met by foreign loan, suggested if US wants Iran to remain anti-Communist it should cover deficit with grant. Sepid O Siyah noted this not possible under present US policy, and pointed out international consortium support for third plan endangered by this fiscal problem, therefore whole disting Amini Govt dependent of its solution. Sedaye Mardom wailed about economic crisis, demanded govt commence relief construction measures promised. Sobh Emruz complained Amini's positive and laudable measures had nevertheless led to situation in which agencies shot through with negative reluctance to make decisions, act. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(3) Anti corruption: Bamshad applauded Amini statement no one, even those close to him, would escape punishment if found corrupt, but called on govt now to put up or shut up. Khadaniha detected female hand behind Mehrabad smuggling case, said, "The finer and more délicate those hands, the more hidden, so that in higher levels only shadows behind curtain support smugglers." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Khadaniha comment probably aimed at Princess Ashraf, Old Bete Koire of Ed Amirani. (CONFIDENTIAL)

(4) Ebtehaj release: Two small papers applauded vociferously, proclaimed probity of Ebtehaj. Another San Ebtehaj case proved govt did not know what it was doing. No other comment. (UNCLASSIFIED)

(5) US Nuclear tests: Papers have over past weeks continued regular routine wire service stories on US tests. Little or no comment.

Comment: Though many condemn testing in principle, no one seems much exercised about issue at moment. (UNCLASSIFIED)

B. Radio

(1) Radio Moscow/NVI/PEYK-E Iran/Free voice of Iran/ rm broadcast Soviet FonOff note demanding recall Iranian Press Attaché Bushehripour for illegal currency transactions (see political). This week emphasized attack on Iran's ties with US; said US, not USSR, represents the real danger to Iran's

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freedom, independence.

Clandestine, USSR-based NVI claimed that "disgraceful" activities Press Attaché Bushehripour are but part of large-scale illicit transactions by entire Embassy in Moscow in order finance espionage activities by Press Attaché, all of whom trained by Savak to spy for NATO and CENTO.

East-German based Peyke-E Iran attacked the "corruption" of "CENTO-Satellite" Iranian Embassies abroad.

FVI (Begin CONFIDENTIAL Clandestine UAR-based radio end CONFIDENTIAL) continued call for overthrow Shah and govt. Said Tehran police forcibly dispersed crowd of Mosadeq supporters shouting for abdication Shah. (UNCLASSIFIED with CONFIDENTIAL insertion)

3. Military

A. Army

(!) Reorganization of IIA: (See WEEKA 23), WRLC formal order to implement reorganization plan of IIA into two armies and logistical area command issued. Approximately 4 months necessary before armies fully established and operational. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Reorganization proceeding smoothly but a little behind schedule. (CONFIDENTIAL)

B. Navy- negative

C. Air- negative

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